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On 6/5/58, [REDACTED] furnished a three page  
typewritten report dated 6/4/58, containing information  
about a Section meeting of the North-East Section, of  
the Bronx County CP held on 6/3/58, at 683 Allerton  
Avenue, Bronx, New York.

If this information is disseminated outside of  
the Bureau it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal  
the source's identity.

A copy of this report follows:

1-New York [REDACTED]

1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, Membership & Recruiting,  
District 2) (7) (7-6)

1-New York (100-106964) [REDACTED]

1-New York (100-13204) [REDACTED]

1-New York (100-87211) (CP, USA, Factionalism) (7) (7-6)

1-New York (100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (7)

1-New York (100-26603-040)

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1-New York (100- ) [redacted] Short, thin, W.M, glasses  
crooked front teeth) (Per source)  
1-New York (100-13447) [redacted] (12-10)  
1-New York (100-133481) [redacted] (12-10)  
1-New York (100-26603-C1945) (North East Section, Bronx  
County CP) (12-10)

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On June 3, 1958 at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bx. there was held a section meeting of the North East Bronx Communist Party. The attendance was around thirty-five persons.

[redacted] was elected chairman for the evening, and the topic was "Youth". [redacted] was the principal speaker. In his talk he stated that the primary reasons why the Communist Party, but particularly the branch of the party in N. Y. had lost its youthful cadres was because of revisionism and also because of sectarianism. Also that prosperity and propaganda had helped a great deal in this loss.

Another factor was dissension among the party itself-- i.e. John Gates and other revisionists had left the Communist Party taking a large core of the youth. He mentioned in his talk that the entire membership of the Communist Party in the Bronx at present was 140, and that 70 of these were members from this section.

[redacted] stated further that while a lot of the youth had been lost there were still students in colleges who were studying Marxist and Lenin Principles, and that youthful workers in the steel and other industries were demanding leadership in the unions. This showed that there was still hope of organizing a youth movement. It was his opinion that unless the youths could once more be made part of the Communist Party, the party would not be able to exist much longer. To this end he suggested that a committee be formed to deal with ways and means of bringing the youth in. He suggested that the youth of the neighborhood who were meeting in different groups-- whether it be for sports or social reasons be approached.

[redacted] a short, thin man with glasses and crooked front teeth around fifty some odd years got up to speak. He said that he thought that the youth who had once belonged to the Communist Party, and left, had done so because they

had been corrupted by prosperity, and not having had to go thru the depression period. [ ] then got up to speak, and refuted [ ] statement regarding "corruption", of the youth. He said that it was mainly sectarianism that had made the youth drop out. He said that youth wanted activity and outdoor sports as he put it. He felt that the section kept too closely to itself, and did not try to bring others in.

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[ ] then got up to speak, and said that the youths who had left the Communist Party, and who were now in their late 20's or 30's could never be brought back in because of their revisionism, but that the concentration should be on the youth in their teens and early 20's.

[ ] then spoke and suggested that the youth could be brought in by holding dances for them using the facilities which was being used for the meeting. He also suggested that the older people should have a less rigid and disciplinary attitude toward the youth. Towards this end he suggested that they read the following books: "What we need in our Schools" by Adler, and the book by White "Organization Man"

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[ ] summed up by saying that it had been the revisionists who had caused the crisis in the party and the loss of the youth. He felt that they (the revisionists) should have been made to leave the Communist Party much earlier. He mentioned a resolution which the State Committee had passed dealing with policy. [ ] was going to read the resolution, but [ ] made a motion that it should first be passed by the section committee. This motion was approved and the meeting was closed.



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DATE: 7/7/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

SUBJECT: FACTIONALISM  
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ReNYlet to Philadelphia, 6/24/58.

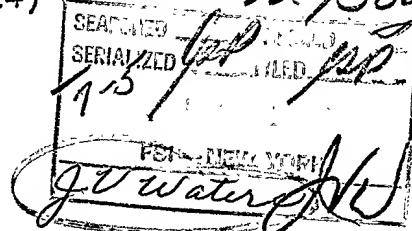
5 - Philadelphia (100- ) (FACTIONALISM) (RM)  
 (3 - 100- ) (UNSUB; Mail Speakers)  
 2 - Chicago (100- ) (FACTIONALISM) (RM)  
 (1 - 100- ) [REDACTED]  
 1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-128314) (FUNDS) (7-6)  
 1 - New York (100-132484) (NY INDUSTRIAL DIVISION - FUR) (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100-26603 C42) (NY COUNTY) (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100-26603 C43) (KINGS COUNTY) (12-11)  
 1 - New York (100-26603 C40) (BRONX COUNTY) (12-10)  
 1 - New York (100- ) (DISTRICT 65) (12-14)  
 1 - New York (100-4013) (SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY) (7-3)  
 1 - New York (100-13336) [REDACTED] (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100-114961) [REDACTED] (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100-86971) [REDACTED] (7-6)  
 1 - New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-50806) (GEORGE CHARNEY) (7-6)  
 1 - New York (100-23290) [REDACTED] (12-11)  
 1 - New York (100-54555) [REDACTED] (12-14)  
 1 - New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (12-10)  
 1 - New York (100- ) [REDACTED] (7-2)  
 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100- ) [REDACTED] (12-11) (HOME DISTRICT, BEDFORD)  
 1 - New York (100-98262) [REDACTED] (12-12)  
 1 - New York (100-131714) [REDACTED] (12-10)  
 1 - New York (100- ) [REDACTED] (12-15) (TRADE UNION MEMBER;  
 HAS STATE CP OFFICIAL IN HER CLUB)  
 1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (7-5)  
 1 - New York (100-4119) (ISIDORE BEGUN) (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100-57707) [REDACTED] (12-15)  
 1 - New York (100- ) [REDACTED]  
 1 - New York (100-96983) [REDACTED] (12-14)

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1 - New York (100-87211)

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On 6/5/58, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that a meeting of the Ultra-left Section of the CP was to be held that night at 40 E. Seventh St., NYC.

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On 6/5/58, SA GEORGE T. MURPHY observed, among others, the following individuals entering Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, 40 E. Seventh St., NYC:

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ISIDORE BEGUN  
[redacted]

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On 6/6/58, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that the following individuals were in attendance at a meeting of "The Caucus" on 6/5/58, in a basement meeting room of Central Plaza Annex, on E. Seventh St., NYC:

[redacted]

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1 - New York (100-131786) [redacted] (12-15)  
1 - New York (100-84052) [redacted] (10)  
1 - New York (100-13527) [redacted] (10)  
1 - New York (100-82900) [redacted] (12-10)  
1 - New York (100-56) [redacted] (12-10)  
1 - New York (100-91418) [redacted] (14)  
1 - New York (100-48836) [redacted] (12-14)  
1 - New York (100-6680) (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE) (7-5)  
1 - New York (100-26603) (NY DISTRICT) (7-6)  
1 - New York (100-80638) (MEMBERSHIP) (7-5)  
1 - New York (100-87212) (COLONIAL MATTERS) (7-5)  
1 - New York (100-6562) (CP, PUERTO RICO) (7-5)

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The names appearing in parenthesis in the body of this letter are the opinion of the writer based on information furnished by [ ] and SA GEORGE T. MURPHY and should not be construed as fact.

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Complete information from [ ] and SA MURPHY is being disseminated by separate memorandum.

On 6/5/58, NY 2313-S\* furnished information which reflected that a meeting of the Ultra-left Section of the CP had been held in Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, 40 E. Seventh St., NYC. The informant furnished the following information:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by an unknown male. This individual announced that these meetings were usually held on Sundays, but because of an important meeting of the industrial (inaudible) conference on Saturday and Sunday, this meeting was moved up because it was real important that our people attend. This unknown male announced that the agenda of the meeting would consist of a report on the present situation and what the job of our caucus was to be in the future. He further announced that there would be a report of the Steering Committee by [ ]. He also announced that counterchanges to the changes of the national leadership would be presented by [ ]. This individual stated that the caucus was happy to have the delegates from Philadelphia present. He then called for nominations from the floor for a chairman for the meeting. [ ] was nominated for chairman by an unknown woman. No further nominations were made and the vote for [ ] was unanimous.

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[ ] announced that first on the agenda would be a report by Comrade [ ] on the present Party situation.

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[ ] stated that exactly 11 years ago today General GEORGE C. MARSHALL, then Secretary of Defense, introduced the Marshall Plan as a so-called cure for the problems facing the capitalists. According to [ ] MARSHALL had said that the plan was not directed against any country or government, but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos; that its purpose should be the revival of the world's economy so as to permit the emergence of political and social systems. According

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to MARSHALL, such assistance must not be on a piecemeal basis or a serious crisis will develop. Any assistance that the government may render should provide a cure rather than a more (inaudible). [ ] continued to say that ever since the Marshall Plan, the United Imperialists have been working on a plan to throw back the advances made by the Socialist section of the world. When the 20th Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union took place in February, 1956, the Imperialists mistook the growing pains and the criticism of the Soviet as weakness and unleashed an unprecedented counter revolutionary attack.

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[ ] stated that the Polish and Hungarian subversion represented the highest form of Imperialist counter revolutionary action. [ ] stated that there is not and cannot be a general crisis for Communism. Since December, 1956, the colonial world has developed its own struggle against Imperialism. In Tunisia protests were made and drew immediate support from China, the Soviet Union and all the lands of Russia. Syria, threatened by Imperialism, is defended by the Soviet Union, China and the land of Socialism, and emerges stronger in cohesive unity with Egypt. All over Africa and Asia the oppressed call upon the people to step up their liberation drive, but perhaps the most significant symbol of colonial friends of Imperialism took place in Latin America, though it did not take the form of open revolt. Latin America was thought to be safe for American Imperialist, but the NIXON incident clearly showed the thought and mood of the majority of Latin American people. [ ] continued that while all this was happening a one and one half ton Sputnik three was set off. This is the real world in which we live today stated [ ] The world of revolution and people's revolt leading and carrying forward in the direction of Socialism and Communism.

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[ ] stated that the complete character of the contradiction of the Capitalist system is to be seen by reading the news items in any newspaper, today's "New York Times" for instance.

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[ ] then read an article pointing out that the Soviet Union was entering Latin American trade, adding that this had been formerly thought safe for American Imperialists. [ ] continued that DE GAULLE was presently in Tunisia and Algeria. These citizens want to be citizens of their own country, not of France. DE GAULLE does not understand this. [ ] then stated that he would examine the policies of the CP of the US in regard to important world problems. He posed the following questions and answers: What is the program of the CP in view of the economy crisis which has hit the nation?; nothing but a general program. On the Little Rock situation the leadership has not gone beyond a general program; has done nothing to help the worker. [ ] stated we must smash Revisionism. The struggle is upon all of us.

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[ ] added [ ] (ph.) was expelled from the Central Committee and has joined the other six of the Brazil Party. A leader of the Greek Party has been expelled. Do we or do we not agree with the Dutch Party, some of the leaders are walking out so that they may have a free hand to do as they see fit. [ ] stated that the American leadership of the Party has two aims, to establish itself as a Party of democratic centralism - a social-democratic open type of Party; to keep it as a Communist Party with a Titoist line.

According to [ ] BEN DAVIS, himself, with a pained expression, made the announcement that pretty soon we would see the emergence of the Party of the so-called democratic socialism with its own board under the leadership of GATES, CHARNEY and Company.

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[ ] stated that the financing of the Social-Democratic Party is by money stolen from the CP. Everyone knows about the thefts by [ ] and the ransacking of the NY County treasury by CHARNEY. [ ] stated it is a known fact that the Party organization has dwindled now to 3,000 nationally. We know that when they say there are 800 members in Brooklyn there is something fishy.

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The CP of Puerto Rico does not exist any more according to [ ] because the leadership sold out to the Imperialists. In December, 1956, it passed a resolution condemning the Soviet Union on the Hungarian Question. American Imperialists pay well to Puerto Rican sellouts. A court ruled that the CP, Puerto Rico, was not a subversive party because it had an anti-Soviet position. [ ] then asked why are we being expelled. He stated that in Chicago 13 comrades were being expelled for their tactics. [ ] (ph.) there was expelled from Furrriers. No right-wingers will be expelled because the bourgeois will not stand for it. We are the only ones fighting for a Marxist-Leninist Party. The leaders cannot stand to have us around to expose them. They are trying to expell everyone from the left. [ ] then posed the question, How can we be saved? He stated that they asked that you keep up your ideology, that you want a real CP in the US, and all will be forgiven. The [ ] and the WEINSTONES have come forth to do a job on us. We say to all comrades we are going to fight it all the way. Our task is to get more comrades into the Party and strengthen the Party. The day they are through with us, if it should happen, a new Ultra-left will emerge. There are still a lot of honest comrades down the line who do not know our line but will. In Brooklyn a report was brought in that the left must be expelled. [ ] wanted to discuss it. They said no because they only knew what they heard. According to [ ], he, [ ] brought literature and they are getting it now.

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According to [ ] there are 300 of us by count throughout the Party and more who will join. [ ] stated if you believe LENIN that the future belongs to the Communists, then you believe that the future belongs to us in the caucus for we are fighting for the Party. We are not pulling out of the Party. We will commit suicide politically, but we do not agree with the Revisionists. The CP will be, regardless of the rotten leadership. The working class will develop the Party.

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[ ] then concluded his speech. [ ] stated that he would like to suggest before going into a general discussion that they hear a sub-report, an indictment of the leadership by [ ] This was put to a motion and the motion carried.

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[ ] then spoke, beginning, Comrades there is an old tradition in the working class movement which says that when the working class leaders are brought before Capitalists' courts that the accusers stand before the accused. What we have in mind is to document from A to Z the trail of this leadership, and this should not be a very difficult problem because we have a load of material from the horses mouth for the past 20 years of how the anti-Party clique seized control of the CP and had sold out the working class. We have to make their betrayal very obvious and considerate and tell the whole history of their betrayals beginning with the Browderism period. To find out how they pretended agreement with the Duclos letter at the time the Duclos letter came and how the entire leadership of the known rightist clique set up under the leadership of DENNIS for the sole purpose of putting across a famous Rightist Party, which maintained intact and strengthened. And as there was no change of leadership at the time of the Duclos letter that they carried on the principles of the desperate struggle to maintain organizational control of the Party. And at this time when the charge of right revisionism was made, they threw out as a symbol three right-wingers all together. But, in a period of ease and reconstitution of the Party they threw out left-wingers, rank and file left-wingers, and the excuse they gave at that time was that the right had been decisively defeated and that the left was in danger. Well, this is just the story they are giving now that GATES is out of the Party, the right danger has been defeated by the Party and the left remains dangerous. What we have in mind is to issue a document in the form of an open letter to the membership of the Party to try to explain to the Party members what it is that happened to the Party.

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We realize that there is a great deal of confusion and that everybody, every rank and file, knows that something is wrong. And, they are not too clear about red, white, and black and that some undeveloped comrades placed the responsibility on the principles of Marxism and Leninism at the outset of the destruction, and felt it was not the principles that were wrong but the fact that you had a clique in the leadership and the organization in control of the Party which reversed the principles of Marxism and Leninism, and this is what we are going to attempt to prove to the rank and file of the Party.

[ ] continued that she thought that she would read a little of a brief introduction to show at least the approach that was going to be taken toward the rank and file and that that would be followed by a detailed documentation of the crimes of the anti-Party leadership of the Party.

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[ ] then read the following:

Help our Party now. What's behind the expulsion of the left. Our Party has been under an unprecedented assault which has lead to the almost complete organizational and ideological resignation of the Party as a Marxist and Leninist vanguard Party. While the impact on the working class has been great, the Party has been going from crisis to crisis until it is practically a skeleton. It has abandoned its obligations to the working class movement. We intend to document the deals made by the Smith Act defendants with the bourgeois courts, which began with the trials. We say to the rank and file now is the time to stand up and be counted. We know that independent thinking has been stifled in our Party for many years. But now is the time to learn all the facts, to think back on what has happened to the Party.

[ ] stopped reading and continued by saying that this is the type of introduction we had in mind. It is rather rough in form, and then we go on with sellouts and betrayals, particularly around the Smith Act trials and especially to develop fully the last few years so that there can be no question and no doubts in the minds, not only of the rank and file, but the international movement of their deceit. They will never hear the end of it.

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There then followed a discussion on a time limit for discussion. A motion was made and passed that each speaker be limited to five minutes.

The first speaker was an unknown female, who wanted clarification of a statement made by [redacted] said that this could not be answered during the discussion.

The next speaker was [redacted], who endorsed the two reports given. He stated that his home district was Bedford and that he was married.

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The third speaker was [redacted] who stated that he did not agree that expulsion was inevitable.

The fourth speaker was [redacted]. He stated that the reports were excellent. He added that we should take the offensive in Brooklyn, in the Bronx, in 65, and in Manhattan in attacking the leadership on the basis of their record. He spoke about the scandalous situation in the funds. He stated that over thousands of dollars collected over a period of years was missing; where had it gone. He stated that we know but cannot pinpoint. He said the leadership pocketed the money and gave it to groups that they joined or used it for financing of Social-Democratic purposes. He added that we once had a region of 1,500 or more members and said, just think of the money and dues collected from them over a period of years. He stated that this should be the means to fight expulsion attempts.

The fifth speaker was [redacted]. She stated that she belonged to a trade union. She also stated that she had been contacted by persons from Jersey. She stated that she had a state official in her club, referred to "him." She stated that we must work in mass organizations such as a trade unions.

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The sixth speaker was from Philadelphia. He said that this was his first trip in. He stated that the general line of the reports was good. He also stated that one of the major weapons used in Philadelphia was material sent from New York. He said that this was a real factor in reaching the comrades. He continued that a leader of the Party, [redacted] had attended a meeting in Philadelphia the other night. He stated that they in Philadelphia were fortunate not to be right under the nose of the national leadership; that they said that Philadelphia did not produce and kept bring up the issue of mass work just to confuse the Party membership, which is already confused. He stated that they kept asking what are you doing in mass work. He continued by saying that they could not create it by themselves, that they needed leadership, and that they would do mass work to build up the Party. He stated that he thinks that Philadelphia should follow the New York line. He also stated that he felt that Philadelphia will grow, will have a true Marxist-Leninist Party and there will be a true Marxist-Leninist Party in the US.

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The next speaker was another male from Philadelphia, who stated that he thought we should stop hedging, not in what was discussed, but to the extent that we should get this information around. He stated that 5,000 copies should be printed. He also stated he felt that more people would be with us if they knew us. He stated that it should get in the hands of all Party members and those out of the Party.

The next speaker was [redacted] He stated that we are a Marxist-Leninist group in the Party fighting revisionism, and that essentially all the groups in the National Committee are revisionists. He stated the question, "Who are the Revisionists?" and answered it by saying, "BOB THOMPSON, FOSTER, GENE DENNIS, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN." He also asked the question, "What have they agreed upon?" and answered, "Peaceful transition to Socialism basically." He stated after Guatamala, Indonesia, after Egypt, after DE GAULLE and France are they still having a peaceful transition to Socialism. He stated that the caucus was the real seed of the CP and that all Revisionists should be gotten out. He stated that this will be the real CP - set no blueprint - but it will.

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The next speaker was [redacted] She said that she wanted to say a little about the Socialist unity bunch, that it was unusual for the Trotskyites to have their feet so firmly in the CP as they have in this country. She said that they are working to destroy the left wing. She also stated that they should be careful in letting the Trotskyites tell them how to be good Trotskyites, because they were the dialectical materialists and not the Trotskyites.

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The next speaker was [redacted] He discussed his "barbeque" with Party officials. He meant by that a heated discussion on the path that the Party should take.

The next speaker was an unknown male who stated that a meeting of the Regional Committee had been held awhile back, to which a speaker had been invited. The speaker turned out to be a guy who gave a recruiting talk for the ISL. This unknown male continued to say that at the following committee meeting a resolution had been tacked on to the agenda asking for the recall of the head of the Regional Committee for trying to integrate the two groups. He said that when this point on the agenda was reached a long discussion followed, and that the vote was seven to four against the resolution. This unknown male went on to say that the initiative should be taken and that the leadership should be called the factionalists that they really are.

The next speaker was an unknown male from Philadelphia. He endorsed the reports which had been given.

[redacted] was the next speaker. He stated that he endorsed the general lines of the reports. He continued that there is available to the office of the State Committee and the National Committee of our CP a very important and decisive article written by a member of the Central Committee of the CP in Israel on the question of Jews in the Soviet Union, fully supporting the Soviet Union. He stated that such documents are hidden from the Party and asked the question of how practical work could be done among the Jews unless the whole Party line was brought forward among the Jewish Communists

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in this particular connection. He stated that yet they systematically hide this stuff. He also stated that the caucus really belongs in the international Marxist-Leninist movement.

The next speaker was from Lower Harlem. He stated that there was a long history of Party revisionists starting back in 1944 with Party Browderism. He stated that they were going to fight revisionists because it was the best way to expose the leadership for what they really are.

The next speaker was [redacted] stated that no compromise could be made; that the corrupt rotten leadership must go. That as long as new methods were developed to fight the thing ideologically, that they were going to win. She stated that what she wanted was a working class revolutionary party.

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The next speaker was [redacted] from the Bronx. [redacted] stated that the fight was for a working class revolutionary party. He also stated that a feature that proves that the present leadership of the Party was a Social-Democratic leadership, was that there was democracy for everyone but a revolutionary thinker. [redacted] stated that the Bronx County chairman admitted that it was revolutionary thought that [redacted] was giving out and that with the shaky situation among the rank and file in the Party in the Bronx, that he was afraid of that stuff. He was much more afraid, [redacted] stated, when he, [redacted] asked him why he did not clamp down on the right wing activity in the Bronx, such as [redacted] who is organizing a Party outside, a person who the chairman admits is out to destroy the CP as an impediment to Socialists. [redacted] stated that the chairman said that he was much more dangerous to the membership of the Party. [redacted] continued that a member of the center, so-called center, who was very close to MIKE DAVIDOW, who the people there knew was now in industrial work, brought forth a resolution to support a picnic run by [redacted] outfit and it passed. [redacted] stated that this was the character in the leadership of the Bronx County that [redacted] had mentioned had given money to the Red Cross

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for Hungary. He continued that the present leadership had passed a resolution to join in a picnic supposedly to raise funds for JUNIUS SCALES. He asked what questions could be drawn from this and answered that first they are afraid this is going to reach a revolution. He said he does not think that the struggle has been lost, that a program of action should be drawn up for a Marxist-Leninist struggle of a Party so that in the event of a factionalist fight there would be a program. He stated that this would be a program that could be given to the rank and file as a program that the CP should adopt.

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[redacted] was the final speaker and reported on finances. She stated that more people must be reached, that there should be a mailing list and more literature should be put out. However, she stated that this cannot be done without more money. She said that there had been pledges from individuals at the beginning but that this money has not been enough. She stated that there has been a raffle scheduled but that the raffle tickets were not doing well. She stated that there was going to be a large affair in the fall. She asked everyone present to send their money to the caucus, adding that that was the Party.

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[redacted] then passed a hat for donations. While the hat was being passed, [redacted] asked [redacted] what the monthly pledges had been. [redacted] answered that close to \$90 per month had been subscribed in sustaining pledges. The meeting ended at 11:15 P.M.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)

DATE: 7/16/58

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP  
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

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Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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- 1 - [REDACTED] (Personal Attention)(Inv.)(12-10)  
1 - NY 100-134538 [REDACTED]  
1 - NY 100-100442 [REDACTED]  
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- 1 - NY 100-111666 [REDACTED] medium build, heavy black moustache, bald, little black hair over ears, late 40's)(Per source)

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- 1 - NY 100-85233 [REDACTED]  
1 - NY 100-95583 (CP, USA, CP Line)(7-6)  
1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Affairs)(7-6)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership & Recruiting, District II)(7-6)  
1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism)(7-6)  
1 - NY 100-130199 [REDACTED]  
1 - NY 100-118525 (Bronx Civil Liberties Committee)(For Info)(7-1)  
1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA, Negro Question (7-6)  
1 - NY 100-81556 [REDACTED]  
1 - NY 100-26603-C325 (Prospect Section, Bronx County CP)(12-10)  
1 - NY 100-26603-C40

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On 6/30/58, [ ] furnished an eighteen page handwritten report dated 6/25/58, containing information pertaining to an open Communist Party meeting held on 6/24/58, at [ ] Bronx, New York.

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If this information is disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the source's identity.

A copy of this report follows.

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June 25, 1958

Report of an open Communist Party meeting at [redacted]  
[redacted] Bronx, New York, [redacted] on June 24, 1958.

The following people were present: [redacted]

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The people present were advised upon invitation to this meeting that it was to be an open Communist Party meeting but in a home.

Before the discussion leader began his talk, [redacted] stated that the topic for tonight's discussion was, "Why the need for a Communist Party?" She said that "our party" has been the vanguard party in the class struggles and "we would like to discuss discuss tonight whether or not there is a need for "our party." in the United States.

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[redacted] the discussion leader, stated that he was invited by [redacted] to come tonight to talk about the need for a Communist Party in the United States. But, that before going into that specific aspect of the question, he would like to review some historical background for those individuals present who might not be familiar with the role of the Communist Party in the world wide transformation to Socialism.

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[ ] reviewed some of the highlights of the Communist Manifesto, he attacked the role of all other Socialist forces in the struggle for Socialism. In particular, he stated that the role of the Social Democrats on an international level is nothing but the betrayal of the working class to the Imperialists, Capitalists and Fascists. Whereas the Communist Party has always stood by the workers in their struggles with the opposition forces. He stated that every gain that the worker has made can be attributable primarily to the efforts of the Communist Party. The Communist Party has always been, and will continue to be, a success because it operates on the science of Marxism-Leninism theories.

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He pointed out that over a third of the world lives under the Socialist system and the remainder of the world is rapidly transforming their present systems to a Socialist one. This change, he said, is due to the leadership of the Communist Party.

When he spoke, about the role of the Communist Party in the United States, he gave some points to be considered by the groups and to be kept in mind when thinking of the role of the Communist Party in this country:

1. That the worker class have things (conditions) pretty much to their liking, therefore, they give little or no serious thought to Socialism.
2. That there has been a long period of full employment in this country, therefore, the worker feels that he has no problems.
3. Because of the fine work by the Central Intelligence Agency on the international scene and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the national scene, their work has made the Communist Party problems more difficult.

[ ] went on to say that this country may be the last nation in the world to make the transformation to Socialism primarily because it is the wealthiest capitalistic country in the world and very imperialistic. Also, for the

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reasons that the workers as of this date are satisfied in the main, with their conditions. However [redacted] pointed out that the role of the Communist Party is important because you must have a party to point out to the workers what their immediate gains should be and on the basis of these, lead the workers in their struggle to achieve them. The other reason for the need of a Communist Party is to work for the long range success which is the change from a capitalistic system to a socialistic one.

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In the United States the role of the Communist Party operating under the science of Marxism-Leninism principles is very important to the success of the class struggle. However, he indicated that the Communist Party's achievements have been great but could still be greater except for the many "revisionists" who constantly attack the party and who are either in the employ of the capitalist forces or the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] admitted that the "party" in the past has made mistakes but many of the mistakes were due to the revisionist forces within the "party." Before turning the discussion over to the people who were present, [redacted] stated that the most present example of the importance of the Communist Party in any country was the situation in France. He said that the Communist Party in France although not entirely successful in preventing the fascist De Gaulle from coming to power; it was very successful in preventing a bloody fascist revolution from taking place. He said that the main reason that the fascist De Gaulle was successful was that the Social Democrats and other forces of Socialism except the Communist Party had betrayed the working class.

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When [ ] finished his talk, [ ] said that each person could have ten minutes wherein they could ask questions, make speeches or anything they wanted to contribute to the topic under discussion.

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[ ] asked how the Communist Party educates for the transformation, in a country, to Socialism. [ ] also stated that he had been told by some people present that the United States is not yet ready for Socialism. He asked [ ] to please comment.

[ ] wanted to know why the Communist Party had deserted the Negro.

[ ] made a speech. She started out by stating that she was a Communist and that she and her husband had been expelled by the "party" in 1946. She also stated that she had been invited by [ ] [ ] stated that she listened very closely to what [ ] had said but was more interested in what he did not say. She elaborated by pointing out the fact that the Communist Party had destroyed the American Labor Party and the Progressive Party, that the leadership of the Communist Party in 1946 did not want a Young Communist League. This, she said, had the effect of alienating the youth from the Communist Party. She went to say that the Communist Party failed the [ ] in the first nine months of their trials and tribulations. She said that she and her husband and many others in the party at the time that they were members had been accusing the United States of having warlike tendencies but that the leadership of the Communist Party had disagreed with them. She said, that it is only lately that the leadership of the Communist Party now agrees that the capitalistic and imperialistic forces in the United States have warlike tendencies.

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When she finished [ ] asked [ ] if he had any of his time left in order that he might say something. [ ] gave him five minutes.

[ ] prefaced his remarks that he had no personal knowledge of what the thinking of the Communist Party leadership was in this country, nor what it had been in the past. However, on the basis of what little he had read in the past few months, of what he had heard tonight, and of the discussions that he had had with some in this room, and from what he had heard from teachers in the Adelphi School, it was his observation that there was a great stake in transforming any society to one of a Socialist Society, and, because the stakes are high those who feel they might disagree will either have to go along or just go. This attitude he felt is clearly reflected in our own capitalistic system in this manner: In order for the capitalists to perpetuate their system, they start a war and as a result of the war, millions are killed. Whereas the change to Socialism under the direction of the Communist Party one or two individuals cannot be permitted to prevent success. He added that from [ ] remarks that he personally felt that it would be both to her advantage and the Communist Party's advantage if they could work out any differences to between them. [ ]

[ ] said that he felt that self-criticism was a healthy thing but that people who are revisionists have an effect of attacking the "party." [ ] after [ ] remarks, looked favorably at [ ]

[ ] had written down each question in a black book and referred to it when answering the questions.

He said that [ ] questions were good ones and that there is a strong need for a Communist Party as a vanguard party to lead in the struggle for the workers' immediate gains; keeping in mind the long range objective of making a Socialist society in this country and in the world.

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In answer to Frieda Fine's question about the mistakes of the Communist Party leadership, [ ] replied that these mistakes existed but that they were attributable to the "revisionists" in the party leadership. [ ] always said "our party" when he did not specifically state Communist Party. He constantly throughout his talk referred to the Communist Party as "our party."

With reference to [ ] question as to why has the Communist Party deserted the Negro, [ ] said that this is not true. It is true, he said, that leaders within the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) have deserted the Negro. [ ] said that the Communist Party had lead in the struggle from integration, for civil rights and was responsible for the death of McCarthyism. He said that the capitalistic forces want the Negro to feel that the Communist Party has deserted them. In response to [ ] statements, [ ] admitted that the Communist Party had been guilty of much of what she said but this was due primarily to the action of the revisionist forces within the Communist Party and it is significant that many of these revisionists have been cleansed from "our party." He said that he did not know the reason or reasons, if any, why [ ] and her husband were asked to leave the "party" but there was not doubt that she knew the machinations of our "party" and that she and her husband could ask for a review of their case. "Our party," he said is very democratic in that respect.

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Also, he said, that it was not true that many have left the party and that "our party" is at its lowest ebb in its history. He said that it is true that the Communist Party is now recruiting not that "our party" needs revitalizing, but to bring in new blood which in turn would revitalize "our party." He added that the Communist Party in this country is still the most potent force in the calss struggle. Also, that no oher parties

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who call themselves by one name or another in the socialist movement have the organization, the leadership, the intelligence and the interest for the working class in the class struggle as has the Communist Party.

He stated that although people call themselves Communists and these people are not member of "our party" they are poor Communists. Whereas those who believe in the Communist ideology and are in the Communist Party; these people are better Communists. He, also, said that anyone, who believes in the dialectics of materialism and is willing to work for them, should become members of "our party."

During [ ] concluding remarks, [ ] interrupted to state that she was not a member of the Communist Party and would not know how to become one. [ ] interrupted and said that that would be discussed at the next meeting. [ ] stated that that comes next.

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When the people who were present at this meeting arrived at 171st and Park Avenue, Bronx, New York, [ ] greeted them downstairs. [ ] had suggested that they go up in pairs. When the meeting was over she told them to leave in two's or three's. Also, no last names were mentioned at the meeting. Everyone was introduced by his or her first name only. When [ ] was introduced to [ ] said that "we" already know one another.

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After the meeting was over, [ ] asked [ ] how enjoy the discussion. [ ] remarked that he could attend another one tomorrow. [ ] said that he was glad [ ] enjoyed the meeting. [ ] then told [ ] that there are many attacks on the Soviet Union and "our party." He cited the example of the

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execution of Imre Nagy of Hungary. He said that Nagy was plotting the murder of the leaders in the Soviet Union, therefore, he had to be put to death. He, also, stated that many people felt that it was alright to accuse "our party" of many wrongdoings in this country. Before they could continue their conversation, [ ] asked

[ ] where he learned so much in such a short period of time. [ ] quickly said that [ ] takes special courses from her; that he is her boy. It was obvious to the author of this report, that [ ] was pleased with the way [ ] had conducted himself.

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The next meeting of this type will be held either July 15 or July 16 at the same place, according to [ ]

Before the meeting had begun, [ ] asked [ ] where [ ] was. [ ] said that [ ] indicated that she was coming. [ ] asked [ ] to call her. [ ] never showed up at the meeting.

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[ ] drove a car (possibly a late model Mercury, license plate [ ] had a medium build, heavy black mustache, bald head, black hair over the ears, possibly late 40's).

When [ ] spoke to [ ] at [ ] request, the next day. June 23, 1950, [ ] wanted to know how [ ] enjoyed the meeting. [ ] said that he enjoyed it very much. [ ] was delighted. She told [ ] that she called this meeting especially for him and got the speaker because she knew that [ ] would enjoy him. She asked [ ] to stop over Thursday June 26, so that they could talk some more about last night's meeting.

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If the author of this report may make an observation about what had transpired it would be this: All those present at the meeting have been screened and there appears to be no question as to where their sympathies are. This may be said because the question of the Communist Party was discussed freely and openly and those present except for [redacted] were either invited by [redacted] behest.

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This type of thing appears to be a further screening process whereby those who are going to make the decision as to whom comes into the Communist Party or not won't be in jeopardy of picking a wrong person, wrong that if for the Communist Party.

It is very noticeable that [redacted] is much more tolerant of others at a meeting like this than she is at a Bronx Civil Liberties Committee meeting.

It is also the feeling of the author of this report that one, some or all of this group will be brought into the Communist Party because [redacted] admitted that the Communist Party is recruiting and, also, because of what was said and discussed at the meeting.

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It is to be noted that on July 8, 1958, [redacted] advised that he had learned that the person he referred to in this report as [redacted] and her husband are [redacted]



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM  
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CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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DATE: 7/10/58

Re New York teletypes 6/27 and 28/58, captioned  
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1 - (100- ) (FRED FINE)  
1 - (100- ) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)  
1 - (100- ) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)

1 - Cleveland (100- ) (HY LUMER) (RM)

2 - Detroit (RM)  
1 - (100- ) (CARL WINTER)  
1 - (100- ) (NAT GANLEY)

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1 - New Haven (100- ) (SID TAYLOR) (RM)

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1 - (100- ) (BEN DOBBS)  
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NY 2327-S\*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, reported on 6/27/58, that a meeting of right wing forces was held in the hotel room of STEVE NELSON, Room 1221, Hotel Edison, New York City, on that date.

Believed to have been in attendance were MARTHA STONE, DOROTHY HEALEY, BEN DOBBS, SAM KUSHNER, NELSON, and one other person.

The meeting began at 12:28 p.m. with NELSON announcing the purpose of the meeting was to go over some information and to count noses as to who should attend the meeting that night, including some people who are not on the National Committee, such as [REDACTED] DOC (ALBERT BLUMBERG), [REDACTED] and (MORRIS) SCHAPPES. NELSON indicated that the result of the meeting that night should be that "we" (right-wing) can go into the (National Committee) meeting more jelled than we are now.

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An unidentified male said that the approach at the meeting (that evening) should include ideological questions, of which "our" (right-wing) approach is the best, and to fight for a position to unite the Party, a minimum basis for uniting the Party. He said that "our" (CP) refusal to endorse and provide an official line (concerning) the 12-Party document, resulted in too many people regarding the CP as ... tacticians (ph) and wanting no part of the Party. The unidentified male continued that you must show you are in the Party and do not want to get out; this will help make people not be suspicious (of right-wing), including those who upheld the NAGY (ex-Hungarian Premier IMRE NAGY) execution.

NELSON, speaking of the National Committee meeting, said it would be vicious against the ultra-left.

MARTHA STONE said she has looked critically at the CP for months. She stated she does not want to be in the Party or stay in the Party on the basis as it is now.

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STONE said she does not want to be affiliated with people who by-pass the Party constitution and feels that the stage is set for a meeting of "set up or else".

STONE continued and said the trend in her district (New Jersey) is a shifting to the left. She stated "we" (right-wing) should issue a statement and let the world know that we will not be a part of (the left-wing position). STONE asserted "we are not following (JOHN) GATES or (WILLIAM Z.) FOSTER."

STONE mentioned having written a letter to all National Committee members and "let the chips fall where they may." She stated "we" (right-wing) should organize our forces and unite ideologically ... not just FRED FINE and SID STEIN. STONE said if "they" (left-wing) issue a warning against us (at the National Committee meeting), we cannot compromise and must take a stand. She said if "it" (right-wing position) does not have the okay of CARL WINTER and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, they could speak later. STONE said that in her opinion, "they" (left-wing) will not let "us" stay in the Party (and if the left-wing feels the right-wing) is usurping the authority of the (National) Committee, there is no sense being on the committee.

BEN (DOBBS) mentioned being silent (at the National Committee meeting). STONE retorted "we" (right-wing) cannot afford to be silent or we will be defeated (and have) to walk out.

Apparently speaking of the meeting for that night, BEN (DOBBS) said "we" must give "them" some of the future perspectives of our fight. He stated this is a struggle in itself.

DOROTHY HEALEY stated "we" insist that our position be placed in "The Worker" next week and "we" must publicly identify ourselves throughout the country as to what we stand for.

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Apparently referring to the meeting scheduled for that evening, HEALEY said (BEN) CARREAUTHERS is invited to the meeting and SID STEIN and [ ] received invitations to the meeting.

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HEALEY then asked what the present leadership has contributed to Party democracy and said that in the long range struggle, "we" (CP) have been beaten on a world-wide scale, there have been changes in the Chinese Party and in the Soviet line.

HEALEY said that at the meeting that evening she would also discuss the expanding of the NEC (National Executive Committee) and recommend that "he" (not identified) accept the nomination and run for a position on the NEC. HEALEY added that "back home" (California) "we" (right-wing) found no acceptance of our position.

NELSON, referring to the meeting that evening, said he would speak on the Hungarian situation but would not do so in the same manner (JOHN) GATES did. NELSON said "we" (CP) should make some profound statements regarding Hungary and indicated SI (GERSON) should draft a clear position which would condemn capital punishment, secret trials, adding that under a socialist system today you cannot do those things.

An unidentified male stated "they" (Soviet Union) have given needless ammunition to DULLES and others and have damaged world socialism.

NELSON stated that additions to the NEC would be a problem (at the National Committee meeting) and asked who "we" should nominate. MARTHA STONE interjected that if FRED (FINE) and SID (STEIN) had run (for the NEC), they would have been defeated.

The conversation then shifted to the manner in which the right-wing could introduce a resolution at the National Committee meeting.

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NELSON said "he" can say that he wants to make a comment on BOB's (THOMPSON) report. An unidentified male stated that people will want to debate (apparently on the resolution).

MARTHA STONE asserted that if "our" (right-wing) statement does not get into "The Worker", we have to make a fight. She said that once the statement is printed, it is in public domain.

Apparently referring to the meeting for that evening, NELSON said there were 16 names on the list. He read the following:

[REDACTED]  
AL RICHMOND  
DAVE DAVIS  
[REDACTED]  
SI GERSON  
DOROTHY HEALEY  
MARTHA STONE  
SID STEIN  
[REDACTED]  
DOC BLUMBERG  
STEVE NELSON  
BEN (DOBBS)  
NAT GANLEY

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[REDACTED] who is not coming.

DOROTHY HEALEY said she did not know about [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DAVE (DAVIS), CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) and (BILL)  
SCHNEIDERMAN (?).

It was decided NELSON would open the meeting that evening and enumerate the various points and how they (right-wing) would present them (at the National Committee meetings).

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NELSON said that although it is a year and a half after the convention, "we" (right-wing) should present our views and if we are thrown out (of CP), then decide on future action. He said SID (STEIN) no longer can co-ordinate and organize and virtually pleaded with MARTHA STONE to "stay with us for this cause". NELSON implied that if the right-wing should walk out of the National Committee meeting, they should do it enmasse.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

NY 2327-S\* reported on 6/27/58, the meeting, scheduled for that evening, of the right-wing forces, took place in the hotel room of STEVE NELSON, commencing at 9:00 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, NELSON received a telephone call from [ ] who said he would not be present at the meeting that evening. TAYLOR indicated he is no longer on the (National) Committee but would attend the meeting.

In informal conversations prior to this meeting, the following took place:

NELSON, in conversation with [ ], said that (BILL) SCHNEIDERMAN and FRED (FINE) are out, CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) is not coming in, and NELSON did not know if "we" can pick up [ ] and NAT GANLEY.

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NELSON said SI (GERSON) and AL (RICHMOND) were going to draft a statement on the Hungarian question.

NELSON stated that during the period 1948 to 1955, "they" (CP) have made the Pittsburgh case the main case and raised money for it. He said, however, that the members did not get any receipts for the money they gave. NELSON added "we" gave back \$70,000 to those for whom "he" (not identified) had receipts. He said that the "Daily Worker" staff collected \$1600 for the Pittsburgh case and "we" have no receipt for

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that money. NELSON said ARNOLD JOHNSON wrote him a letter regarding Pittsburgh not being willing to "pay up" to the "Daily Worker" staff.

MARTHA STONE interjected she had turned back \$7,000 on her own case.

NELSON said the CP is losing money when they return bond money (apparently due to the lack of receipts),

STONE said she had asked (JOHN) GATES, in the past, to insure that the bail money did not get mixed in with the tax money. NELSON then asked AL (RICHMOND) about "the ones" who left in California. RICHMOND said he had written a letter to [redacted] before she left urging her not to go. He said he had also written a letter to BILL (SCHNEIDERMAN) but BILL did not even acknowledge the letter.

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An unidentified male then stated HY (probably LUMER) wants to go out there (California) the first two weeks of September.

NELSON asked RICHMOND to give him a report on San Francisco.

RICHMOND said "we" have to build the district in Northern California and we have 50 members in the San Joaquin Valley.

In answer to a question from NELSON, RICHMOND said ARCHIE (BROWN) follows (EUGENE) DENNIS' line.

DOROTHY HEALEY then read an article from "Political Affairs" by JAMES JACKSON, in which he apparently derided HEALEY. She made a great joke of it.

HEALEY then stated that the education department is holding a conference in the district (date not indicated).



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NELSON stated that [REDACTED] were not present at their earlier session and briefly mentioned the points discussed.

An unidentified male interrupted and said that CARL ROSS said "they" would not give him the money to go to the National Committee meeting.

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At this point, 9:00 p.m., NELSON called the meeting to order. Believed to have been in attendance were: MARTHA STONE, DOROTHY HEALEY, [REDACTED] BEN DOBBS, AL RICHMOND, DAVE DAVIS, [REDACTED] SID STEIN, SI GERSON and NELSON.

NELSON began the meeting suggesting a discussion on the Hungarian question.

GERSON mentioned an editorial in "The Worker" relative to support of the second intervention (in Hungary). He intimated he and AL (RICHMOND) were preparing a statement rebuking the Hungarian executions, possibly to appear in "The Worker". GERSON said he desired to get a declaration by the National Committee in this regard. He said that these executions are being utilized to destroy the concept of co-existence. GERSON indicated he felt that the CP should follow the Polish CP and refuse to endorse the action in Hungary.

An unidentified male stated he thought GERSON's proposition was valid and "we" can't possibly go beyond it.

SID STEIN stated "we" (CP) are back where we started. "The Worker" is not going to say a thing. STEIN said he repudiates and condemns the executions and "if the CP, USA does not repudiate, they are jackasses". STEIN added "we" must find a statement that preaches co-existence and does not endorse the executions. STEIN stated there

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must be an end to this kind of thing, but you cannot say it because you will be expelled from the National Committee.

MARTHA STONE stated there is a unanimous feeling that "this" (editorial) was printed from the N.C. (probably National Center). She said "they" (left-wing) did not wait until that weekend until the National Committee meetings and if there is any opposition from the right-wing, "they" (left-wing) will expell us from the Party. She stated that nevertheless, the right-wing should face it and state how they feel about this matter. STONE added the right-wing should present a position, as a minority, to collide with the editorial and make it public that there is a minority opinion. STONE said "we" should say our position is the best way for the Party and that it will lead to our expulsion.

DOROTHY HEALEY said the least that the right-wing would come out with would be a repudiation of the editorial in "The Worker" - "we" are not going to re-live the Hungarian events.

NELSON asserted that this wrecks the chances of peaceful co-existence - we have nothing in common with the people who make use of this - JOHN FOSTER DULLES, etc.

[redacted] stated he repudiated this position, no matter what the consequences. He said there is no basis for the murder of NAGY. [redacted] stated he would send a copy of his statement to every labor paper in the country if "The Worker" will not repudiate the executions. He asserted that international solidarity is a two-way street and that the term "revisionist" has become a joke.

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BEN (DOBBS) stated "we" have to face this question in the framework of the National Committee and that "we" have to express our position and repudiate the editorial. He said "we" have been trying to make this Party an American Party and "we're" fighting for our independence.

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AL (SHAW) asserted that the right-wing must say objectively to the CP and the world that it is making a break on this issue.

MARTHA STONE said "we" (right-wing) must say we disapprove of what was done to NAGY.

An unidentified male stated that what must be said is this whole action is senseless ... if there is to be peaceful co-existence. He said what is happening is contrary to the 16th National Convention and that this line must be challenged with as strong a challenge as possible. He added "we" have to issue a challenge as a matter of policy as well as a statement that will meet the seriousness of the situation.

Another unidentified male, believed to be SI GERSON, stated "we" must make a clear repudiation of this editorial. He stated that if "you" (members of right-wing) are worried about what might happen to them, they should not be in this fight. He stated that the Chinese and the Bulgarians are on the bandwagon. GERSON asserted that the editorial in "The Worker" does not present the line of the convention and hurts Marxism in the United States. He said the (National) "Guardian" made a break with their former position in Hungary and "we" have to fight for the convention line.

STONE then asked "are we prepared to say that we do not approve of the execution of NAGY and explain why?" She said she did not want a statement that would leave any doubt as to the position of the right-wing.

An unidentified male said they had to go further and disassociate themselves from DULLES, EISENHOWER, and others.

Another unidentified male stated that if "we" (right-wing) do not fight on their own principles, he did

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not know why they were here. He said that "we" are still talking internally, whereas he is more concerned with a clear position. He asserted he could not be in the Party on the basis of this and said the right-wing statement must be a clear statement of policy.

NELSON asked how they would be able to raise this problem from their own point of view.

An unidentified male stated that if GENE (DENNIS) makes a report on Hungary, they could stop him and ask for a point of special privilege and state that the (CP) constitution was violated by taking a position prior to the meeting of the National Committee.

MARTHA STONE interjected "we" know that BOB THOMPSON has his report ready on the role of the Party.

SI (GERSON) stated he had had lunch with -- (unintelligible) the previous day and "he" has been to Russia. GERSON said there is a lot of merit in wanting to unite those people who want to express their disapproval (of the executions) as bluntly as we do.

DOROTHY HEALEY stated it is preferable that the struggle be conducted within the Party. She said the right-wing has been unsuccessful in holding the cadre in the Party and their position and views are being distorted within the Party. She said that sandwiched between FOSTER and GATES, the right-wing did not fully develop their position. HEALEY stated that "800 registered in Los Angeles" and the Party is in a deeper crisis than it was before. She asserted "we" must decide, as a group, on important ideological questions.

An unidentified male, believed to be [REDACTED] said there could have been a majority based on the 16th National Convention. He asserted "we" cannot win our position,

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FOSTER can't win, maybe DENNIS will go along with (CLAUDE) LIGHTFOOT. He said his own personal conviction is that he can no longer do anything for socialism in the National Committee of the Party. [redacted] added he was not resigning from the Party but hoped that someday the international situation would change.

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DOROTHY HEALEY stated she has constantly yielded ground (to the left). She mentioned the leadership in California and referred to the 26 who left the Party. HEALEY then stated that San Francisco has 150 members at most, Alameda County has 20 members, Santa Clara County has 70 members. HEALEY added that all "we" (right-wing) do is walk away from a fight. She stated that "what's the difference from being a member of the National Committee or the CP?"

NELSON interrupted and said SI (GERSON) would read the statement prepared relative to the repudiation of the NAGY execution.

GERSON spoke in a very low voice and NY 2327-S\* was unable to secure the text of the statement.

An unidentified male stated that this kind of a resolution gives comrades an opportunity to stand up and be counted.

An unidentified male, possibly GERSON, said "we" should demand that this resolution be printed in "The Worker" and made public.

NELSON interjected "let's agree on the substance". He said the world knows where honor (in) stood on this matter.

An unidentified male asked why "we" should not speak as Communists and members of the National Committee. He said that if "we" publish the resolution, NELSON's name should head the list, as head-on repudiation, and STEVE's position is known.

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NY 2327-S\* advised it appeared that all present seemed to like the statement but felt it did not go far enough, however, they appeared to be afraid or reluctant to make the statement more severe or definite.

DOROTHY HEALEY said MICKEY (LIMA) might go along with statement if AL (RICHMOND) does.

NELSON said the statement should be brought up (at the National Committee meeting) either when DENNIS gives his report on the international situation or when THOMPSON gives his report on the role of the Party.

An unidentified male said he could send the statement to the "Freiheit" if necessary.

Another unidentified male stated "... the FBI to plant (ph) it ... if it leaks out ..."

Another unidentified male said that the right-wing also had to say something (probably at the National Committee meeting) on the building of socialism.

NELSON suggested they wind up the last point - personnel. HEALEY said this meant the NEC (National Executive Committee).

An unidentified male mentioned [redacted] of California and BURT NELSON of the Northwest (apparently for the NEC).

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Another unidentified male mentioned a "west coast caucus" and "someone from Southern California" (apparently for the NEC).

Another unidentified male said he would be satisfied with a smaller NEC inasmuch as there is a smaller Party.

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SID STEIN said he could not go to the meeting (National Committee) and "make these speeches". He said he was not invited to the National Committee meeting but as far as this situation is concerned, he would send a telegram to the meeting expressing his views. He added, "I have no rights at all".

DOROTHY HEALEY then stated, referring to STEIN, "if you're going to resign from the National Committee, wait a decent enough time until we decide what we want to do."

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m., 6/28/58.

Following the meeting, NY 2327-S\* advised he believed DAVE DAVIS and [ ] spent the rest of the night in NELSON's room.

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NY 2327-S\* reported on 6/28/58, that during the morning, NELSON, DAVIS and [ ] had a general discussion prior to attending the National Committee meeting.

[ ] mentioned a friend of his named [ ] and said he does not work. He said [ ] is a "new lancer" (ph) now that the Federal Government has decided to "give weekends" and has taken advantage of it. He said [ ] is getting extra ... insurance and doesn't have to work.

NELSON apparently referring to the National Committee meeting, said it is not going to last long. He added, "it is quite possible that MARTHA (STONE) is out."

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Referring to "The Worker" editorial, NELSON said he told [ ] that "this is the line."

Continuing, NELSON said [ ] gave "the report". He said "they" came back from the conference in New York saying everything is rosy and there is only one trouble ... becoming a rat."

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[ ] asked if [ ] was "the guy from steel." NELSON said [ ] is a guy from the U.E. and who went to the industrial council. [ ] said the meeting was comprised just of people in the shops and they discussed what they were doing in the shops.

[ ] came out (to Philadelphia?) and gave a report and said "they" had a experience with the ultra-left. [ ] said there was a woman from the ultra-left assigned to [ ] and that everytime the guys started to talk shop, she would ask "what about the dictatorship of the proletariat?" or "what about the 12-Party resolution?"

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They then briefly discussed the labor situation relative to shorter working hours, with [ ] stating the CP should have a Marxist approach to the question of shorter hours.

NELSON interjected he had discussed this question last July with CARL WINTER when they had discussed the auto situation.

[ ] stated there is a possibility of getting a group of former ... around us, maybe some workers from the Socialist Party and other people who want to discuss socialism... the revolutionary Trotskyites.

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[ ] said "we" work for the Party... an organizer ... not because "they" would like something better ... these guys in the National Office need their pay.

NELSON said that six months ago, SID (STEIN) told him that FOSTER costs the Party \$50,000 a year and that now that he is sick, it is even more. NELSON added SID indicated DENNIS also costs the Party \$50,000 a year. NELSON said some of the people in New York and Chicago are fighting for severance pay, some got six months, some got full pay.

It was mentioned that CARL WINTER, although he has not resigned from the National Committee, is not coming in for the meeting and that BILL (probably SCHNEIDERMAN)



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did not come in for the meeting.

mentioned that SID (STEIN) has a gloomy prospect of being able to get back into activity in his union.

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If the above information is to be utilized in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be adequately paraphrased to protect the identity of this highly sensitive source of information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-33150)

DATE: 7/14/58

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CPUSA FACTIONALISM  
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On 6/2/58 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [REDACTED] of the following. This information was dictated on 6/3/58 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 6/5/58 and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/11/58. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.  
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"On Saturday, 5/31/58, a meeting of the left group in South Philadelphia was held at the residence of [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa. Those in attendance were as follows:

"JOE [REDACTED] DOUGHER

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[REDACTED] from New York, white male, late 30's,  
6'1", 180 pounds, dark brown hair, no glasses

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - white male, in 40's, blue eyes, good looking,  
5' 8", 165 pounds, heavy set, right arm  
amputated at shoulder, dark brown hair

"JOE DOUGHER acted as chairman. [redacted] asked JOE what kind of a caucus this was to be and [redacted] said this was a meeting of the Steering Committee and he did not elaborate. Therefore, it is believed this was a meeting of the Steering Committee of the left group in Philadelphia of which DOUGHER is the leader.

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"JOE DOUGHER urged those present to contact old members of the Party and old subscribers to 'The Worker.' He said there was no use contacting new members because the adverse publicity through the arrests and publications concerning the subversive organizations has made it impossible to explain to them 'The Worker' is the workingman's paper. Therefore, just contact those whose subscriptions have expired and don't bother trying to make new contacts.

"The meeting with the left forces scheduled to be held in New York on Sunday, 6/8/58, has been moved up to Thursday, 6/5/58. [redacted]

[redacted] and JOE DOUGHER plan to leave Philadelphia around 3:30 or 4:00 and drive to New York. The meeting is scheduled to be held at 8:30 p.m. at 40 East 7th (or 70th) Street, near Second Avenue. [redacted] requested they be on time because the members of some union referred to as 65 were punctual and they should not be kept waiting.

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"The Philadelphia Group plans to return that night and on Friday, 6/6/58, JOE DOUGHER plans to drive to either Cleveland or Chicago. He'll be gone for two or three weeks and intends visiting Detroit, Pittsburgh, Newark, N.J., Williamsport, Pa., and Delaware. His exact itinerary is unknown. However, he is trying to set up various left groups in those cities along the lines of the Philadelphia group. He claims many CP members have dropped out of the Party and the leadership has done nothing to gain them back. The National Office knows they have dropped out but continues to do nothing about it.

"DOUGHER's trip will be financed through the pledges collected. MIKE from New York handed JOE DOUGHER a wad of bills consisting of several \$20 bills and \$10 bills. It is estimated it amounted to \$150.00. During his absence from Philadelphia [redacted] will take his place and [redacted] will travel between New York and Philadelphia and give him some assistance.

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[ ] spoke up and said her father-in-law, [ ] was mad at her. [ ] replied he wasn't mad at her but at the group for he doesn't believe in their activities and issues.

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[ ] stated it was easy to be a 'progressive' during the 1930's, but today things are tight and critical. They fear going to jail. The National Office knows a lot of members have dropped out of the Party but declined to take any action to regain these people. They knew six weeks in advance of GATES' resignation, but they let him go. DENNIS and LIGHTFOOT are not progressives now.

[ ] further stated there are about 100 members in New York, 50 in Chicago, 20 in Philadelphia, 12 in Pittsburgh, and this extends to the coast, but when you come right down to it, all these amount to only a handful. Comrades have dropped down from leadership positions and members have dropped out of the Party, and no effort was made to stop them. They couldn't do that in Soviet Russia. [ ] did not clearly indicate what the figures represent, but it is believed they refer to the hardcore of the Party.) [ ] urged that groups similar to those in Philadelphia and New York be set up from coast to coast.

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[ ] and MIKE left early to catch the 11:15 p.m. bus back to New York.

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[ ] is acting as treasurer of this group and collects the money contributed as pledges. [ ] paid \$1.00, FOSTER .50 (he also paid three months' CP dues - .45 - to [ ] )

"JOE DOUGHER stated those members delinquent in dues were [ ]

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"Earlier in the evening JOE DOUGHER tried to get [ ] join him in Chicago and Cleveland, but [ ] stated it would cost him too much money. JOE stated they could stay at the homes of friends in both Chicago and Cleveland. However, [ ] said he couldn't make the trip.

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On 6/11/58 [ ] advised that at the above meeting DOUGHER emphasized the fact these meetings and the results thereof should not be discussed with outsiders.

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Also, [ ] said we had been hit in Chicago and New York and will be hit in Philadelphia before long. By this, the informant believes he meant the Party has criticized and expelled members of the ultra-Left in those cities.

On 6/23/58 a photo of [ ] one-armed subject of Cleveland, was exhibited to [ ] and he identified this individual as being identical with the individual reported as [ ]

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40) (12-10) DATE: 7/15/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP  
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Source: [REDACTED]

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity: 6/24/58

Date Received: 6/25/58

Agent Receiving: SA [REDACTED]

Location: [REDACTED]

On 6/25/58, [REDACTED] furnished a two page typewritten report, dated 6/25/58, containing information about a club meeting of the North East Section of the Bronx County CP, held on 6/24/58, at the home of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bronx, New York.

If this information is disseminated outside of the Bureau it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the source's identity.

A copy of this report follows:

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[REDACTED] elderly W, M, attended previous club meetings, per source)

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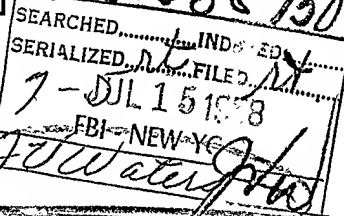
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 1 - NY (100-168446) [redacted]  
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 Southern accent) (per source)  
 1 - NY (100-135320) (United Independent Socialists Election  
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 1 - NY (100-129629) [redacted]  
 1 - NY (100-74560) (CP, USA, Funds) (7-6)  
 1 - NY (100-80638) (CP, USA, Membership & Recruiting District  
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 1 - NY 100-26603-C1945) (North East Section, Bronx Co. CP) (12-10)

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On 6-24-58 at 9:00 P.m. there took place at the home of

[redacted] Bronx, a meeting of a club of the Northeast Bronx Communist Party.

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[redacted] was elected chairman of the meeting. [redacted] was also nominated but he protested his unfamiliarity with the procedures and withdrew from the election.

Those present included [redacted] The old man who previously was unidentified was addressed as [redacted]

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[redacted] and a new person, Addressed as [redacted] she is a tall nigress About 6ft tall and in the forties speaking with a moderate southern accent.

[redacted] reported that he and [redacted] were appointed at the section committee meeting last week to arrange a debate between one of the Communist leaders and someone for the National Guardian crowd on the recent Socialist Conference. But when [redacted] called Albertson on the phone Albertson opposed the idea on the grounds that a public debate might cause a complete break between the Communist Party and the rest of the groups in the conference. [redacted] felt it was a nice idea but it would have to be postponed.

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On the Fund Drive [ ] did most of the talking. The club had collected \$315 the other clubs in the North East Bronx Communist Party Section had altogether collected \$141. That night another \$150 was brought in by the members at this meeting. [ ] said there were 250 Communist Party members in the Bronx. She also said that of the thirty members of the club only twenty paid dues.

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[ ] then gave a report on the Socialist movement conference. On Friday night Hallinan had attacked the Communist Party with great applause by the Trotskiets. Many of the Communist Conrades walked out. The presiding committee of the conference on Saturday Dissasociated itself from the Hallinan attack and apoligized. A platform was the drawn up to which the Communist Party had no objection.

On Sunday the presiding committee voted 7 to 4 for five candidates in the next election as against the Communist proposal of only one candidate.

In the discussion the followed [ ] brought up the name of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn as the candidate that the Communist Party would propose. [ ] complained the party had not done enough at the conference to explain its position.

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[ ] stated that it should be noticed that by to close association with the conference the Communist Party was withdrawing from mainstream activities like trying to get unions into political activity.

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The meeting then closed. The next meeting of the club will be held at [ ]

P.S. [ ] was home but went into the bedroom and closed the door during the entire time the meeting was in session.

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(REGISTERED MAIL)

To: Director, FBI (100-3-88)  
 From: SAC, Philadelphia (100-33150)

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On 7/15/58 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] that during conversations with JOSEPH DOUGHER (member of District Committee, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and leading left caucus member in Philadelphia area) on 7/14/58, he was told by DOUGHER that he had just returned from a trip which had taken him to Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and New York City. DOUGHER stated that his trip had been in connection with efforts to gain additional support for the left caucus. While in Chicago, DOUGHER stated, he was in contact with a female whom he identified as PAT ELLIS and DOUGHER described her as one of the leaders of the left caucus in the Chicago area.

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- ③ - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - (1) 100- [redacted]
  - (1) 100-37211 (CPUSA-Factionalism)
  - (1) 100-80638 (CPUSA-Membership)
- 5 - Philadelphia
  - (1) 100-33150
  - (1) 100-16935 [redacted]
  - (1) 100-2445 (CHESBROUGH DOUGHER)
  - (1) [redacted]
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Other individuals contacted by DOUGHER during his trip were one [redacted] New York City, and an unidentified woman whom DOUGHER described as having been at one time in charge of funds records maintained by the National Office CPUSA and who recently had been expelled from the CP and was now working for the left caucus in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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DOUGHER further stated that [redacted] would travel to Philadelphia from New York in a couple of weeks, either on a Saturday or Sunday, and meet with him and other individuals in Philadelphia who are interested in the left caucus.

DOUGHER then related to the informant that there were approximately 3,050 dues-paying CP members in the U.S. today. Of this number, approximately 1,000 support the current National CP leadership. Another 1,000 members are not presently taking sides or committing themselves, but will align themselves later with the winning faction. The left caucus, according to DOUGHER, has 500 members supporting it, which is composed of approximately 50 per cent Negro and Puerto Ricans. DOUGHER feels that the left caucus can gain 500 members in the very near future.

DOUGHER then went on and explained that the left caucus does not support the CP in any other way than by paying its dues which is necessary in order for them to remain in the CP. The left caucus does not participate in CP fund drives and will not support "The Worker" by eliciting new subscriptions; however, will renew their existing subscriptions to that publication. DOUGHER stated that any money collected by the left caucus is kept to finance their own activities.

DOUGHER stated that many members supporting the left caucus are being expelled from the CP; however, the left caucus clubs remaining in the CP continue to pick up these expelled members and add them to their club rolls. He stated this specifically is going on in New York City today.

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DOUGHER advised the informant the proposed course of action planned by the left caucus was as follows:

- (1) To force the CP to retract the statement issued following the Hungarian Revolution wherein the U.S.S.R. was criticized.
- (2) To force the calling of a new National Convention and new National elections.
- (3) To get "The Worker" in the hands of the workers rather than in the hands of "intellectuals."

DOUGHER then informed the informant that he was convinced in his own mind that some official or officials of the CPUSA had made a deal with the U. S. Government whereby they had agreed to break up the CP, as presently constituted, in return for the freedom of officials arrested and tried under the Smith Act.

According to the informant, DOUGHER advised that his trip had been financed almost entirely by [redacted] (Philadelphia Smith Act subject).

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

*Bm2* FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
N.Y. DISTRICT  
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On 7/19/58, NY 2225-S\* advised the Committee of NY District of CP, USA, met at 11:35 a.m., July 19, 1958, in Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st St., NY, NY. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, NY District Secretary, announced the agenda as:

1. Report and discussion of the situation in the New York State CP.

2. Replacement for one National Committee member who had resigned. WILLIAM PATTERSON was elected Chairman of meeting.

ALBERTSON gave report on first item in agenda. He announced American Imperialism can no longer accept the shift to Socialism and the self-determination of the colonial people and must revert to war. World Socialism is doing everything to hinder American imperialism.

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ALBERTSON said that to meet this challenge 'we' can rally "our Party" to this Marxist-Leninist line. He reviewed Party strength and stated in 1955 the Party registered 8803 members as compared to a present registration of 2388. ALBERTSON broke this latter figure down as follows:

	<u>*1955 Registration</u>	<u>Present (1958) Registration</u>
Manhattan	1629	566
Industrial	2526	360
Nassau	329	100
Upstate	350	100
Bronx	1059	270
Westchester	230	50
Queens	855	150
Brooklyn	1772	292

\*(Note: this totals 8750 not 8803 - discrepancy was not explained).

He added that the number of members presently registered (2388) represents 27% of those registered in New York State in 1955, and said this is as close to accuracy as it is possible to come although it might be off by 50.

According to NY 222-S\*, ALBERTSON reviewed work of NY District CP for the past few months stating some achievements had been made citing among others, the May Day Rally, making the United Socialist Ticket Conference back ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, saving "The Worker" and reviving



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CP cadre training schools. He described the N.Y. State CP as emerging from revisionism and internal struggle because they are getting into mass work. But CP in New York is still in a "sluggish state."

ALBERTSON stated that "we" must have a Marxist-Leninist Party based on Democratic Centralism. It must be a revolutionary Party in the scientific sense and must be based on democratic centralism. He discussed various other details primarily dealing with factionalism and concluded his report by summarizing the tasks of the Party as:

- Peace issue
- Participation in political campaigns
- Question of running CP candidate
- Putting NY State Party in order
- Support of "The Worker"

After a break for lunch various members of the committee commented on ALBERTSON's report. [redacted] Waterfront Section Organizer, and [redacted], Lower Harlem Section leader, both of whom are leaders of the "Ultra-Left", were the only ones who criticized the report. [redacted] said report put forth no concrete proposals and had no self-criticism.

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The main line of ALBERTSON's report was approved with the amendment that NY State Staff work out a concrete proposal to increase "The Worker" circulation.

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State Committee approved by vote of 20 for and 2 against the election of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a member of the National Committee from the Industrial Division of NY District, CP.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Fisur by Special Agents of NYO established 22 members and four visitors were in attendance.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE <b>7/22/58</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/1 to 7/17/58
TITLE OF CASE  COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS	TYPED BY sd
		CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY	

SYNOPSIS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD 4/1 - 6/30/58

ORGANIZATION CPUSA National Office located at 23 West 26th St., NYC, also occupied by NY State CP office. Two lower floors of building now occupied by editorial offices of "The Worker", which moved into premises on June 7 and 8, 1958. JAMES ALLEN, at meeting at National Office on May 6, 1958, reported on work of Party Program Committee, saying 12 Party Declaration had provided basis for definition of Socialism which should be put into American terms and adopted, and that CP constitution's mention of peaceful road to Socialism should be given elaboration. NC meeting June 28 and 29, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, NYC, preceded by meeting of Right Wing group at Hotel Edison, where resolution was composed expressing disapproval of executions in Hungary for vote at NC meeting.

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SYNOPSIS CONT'D

This was rejected by NC, 24 to 10, one abstaining. At NC meeting ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN reported removal of National Office to Chicago was postponed six months by unanimous agreement of a committee for financial reasons. EUGENE DENNIS urged everything be done to expand activity on halting nuclear testing and banning nuclear war. ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, CARL WINTER, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and BURT NELSON added to NEC. New officers of NC approved - EUGENE DENNIS, National Secretary; ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary; JAMES JACKSON, Negro and Southern Affairs Secretary; HY LUMER, Educational Director; ARNOLD JOHNSON, Legislative Director; ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Field Organizer.

MEMBERSHIP ROBERT THOMPSON, in April 4, 1958, letter on state of CP, stated one area for attention was registration, and stressed importance of sustained effort through year to reach large number lost or dropped in last six or seven years. EUGENE DENNIS, at Midwest Regional CP Conference, May 24 and 25, 1958, proposed registration drive from Labor Day up to December, 1958; he said CP had lost old and experienced people through resignation and otherwise, but new people are coming forward.

FUNDS Income of CPUSA, January 1, 1958, to May 31, 1958, \$57,701.60, with expenditures of \$56,155.61. Assets on May 31, 1958, were \$11,064.80, liabilities on June 30, 1958, \$11,363.80. Drive for \$185,000 to support CP and assist CP press launched, with hope indicated "substantial part" would be raised by July 4, 1958. As of June 1, 1958, \$2,343.42 secured.

SECURITY MEASURES Speaker at Eastern Seaboard Conference, May 17 and 18, 1958, pointed out necessity of finding ways for CP to build in areas where "our" people have real community standing, but are not known as Communists. EUGENE DENNIS at meeting in Chicago, May 26, 1958, asked for blackboard when addressing gathering, remarking that lack of one inhibited him.

FACTIONALISM In interview published in "The Worker," May 4, 1958, ROBERT THOMPSON asserted chief obstacle to be overcome in internal situation of CP is what amounts to anti-party conspiracy, charging this to some who left CP recently, particularly those around JOHN GATES, as well as others still in CP. Their aim is to destroy CP in order to clear way for pseudo-Marxist movement and publication. THOMPSON also charged Right and Left, in and out of CP, had working accord, in that both exploit CP mistakes and block mass work. He claimed confidence CP on way to rebuilding its mass basis. At Eastern Seaboard Conference EUGENE DENNIS claimed he would be last to minimize losses and unsettled problems but said CP is now solving some of its own problems.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Statement of NEC in June, 1958, "Political Affairs" welcomed 12 Party Declaration and declared unity of these 12 governing parties emphasizes "that the internationally valid, basic lessons of working class history and experience which constitute the teachings of Marxism-Leninism are not negated by the respective national features . . . of each nation." JAMES ALLEN, reporting on drafting of party program on May 6, 1958, stated 12 Party Declaration provides definition of Socialism and should be

the basis for CPUSA definition. EUGENE DENNIS, reporting on national situation at NC meeting, stated IMRE NAGY was executed, not for his beliefs, but for participation in foreign inspired insurrection.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARNOLD JOHNSON, at Eastern Seaboard Conference, stated 2 issues dominate 1958 elections - unemployment and banning of A and H bombs. Objectives of CP in election set out as influencing elections in interests of people, greater independence of labor and its allies, strengthening of influence of CP and its program.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES By letter dated 5/14/58, to all districts, ARNOLD JOHNSON characterized Jenner-Butler Senate Bill as dangerous and asserted passage was being urged in drive against pro-civil liberties decisions of Supreme Court. JOHNSON said every possible organization should be urged to defeat bill.

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES EUGENE DENNIS, at Special NEC meeting April 7, 1958, directed, with reference to drive for Summit Conference and for banning of nuclear weapons, that petitions and resolutions be circulated, that Congressmen be visited, and memorials to Congress be raised at church and city council meetings. "A People's Program for Jobs and Security" issued by NC lists points for easing recession and unemployment, some being tax reduction, easing of credit, public works program, aid to farmers and promotion of peace and trade.

STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY NC meeting adopted Labor Policy Statement in which CP urges organization of unemployed, unity of Negro and white workers, unity of labor movement and unity of its allies support of peace by trade unions, with CP seeking labor's support of cessation of nuclear tests, end

of trade embargo with People's China, as well as its recognition, trade with Socialist countries, summit meeting, and extension of cultural ties and trade union relations with Socialist countries. Also urged is complete political independence of labor, claim being made working class will in long run elect people's anti-monopoly government.

NEGRO QUESTION JAMES JACKSON at NEC meeting, May 9 and 10, 1958, reported on Negro matters, developing new CP program and saying CP is determined to recapture initiative in Negro field. JACKSON disposed of issue of Negro self-determination in South as well as idea of separate Negro republic there.

YOUTH MATTERS April, 1958, "Political Affairs" published "A Call to Youth," attributed to 12 American youths described as non-affiliated student and working class youths. Call is for youth group, broad, liberal and representative, based on Marxist and Leninist principles, to present Socialist position and influence youth movement.

FARMERS MATTERS ARNOLD JOHNSON at Eastern Seaboard Conference pointed out CP should concentrate on small farmers in East, but said CP has not yet found way to small farmers, noting CP was playing important role in Minnesota.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES JACK STACHEL, discussing "Mainstream" at NEC meeting April 15, 1958, stated there is need for cultural movement in organizing, along with building of magazine. Appearance of Moiseyev Dancers from USSR hailed in "The Worker" April 20, 1958, as major opening of cultural exchange between US and USSR.

NATIONAL GROUPS WILLIAM WEINSTONE, at meeting of NY State CP staff, May 8, 1958, stated definite attitude of hostility is developing in ranks of party and around "Morning Freiheit" in reference to Jewish question. He said CP is confronted with grave problem and NC has set up committee to consider Jewish question. WEINSTONE expressed hope KHRUSHCHEV and Soviet CP will "illuminate us on this question." RELIGION [redacted] in April, 1958 "Mainstream" in review of "On the Philosophy of History" by JACQUES MARITAIN, criticized MARITAIN'S critique of KARL MARX'S view that concepts of justice are historically conditioned. J.D. BERNAL, also in "Mainstream", stated origin of life has been supposedly due to divine creation, but it is now felt it is explainable by natural and spontaneous process.

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PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS Entire CP to enter campaign to sell 40,000 copies of PAUL ROBESON'S autobiography "Here I Stand." "Political Affairs" instituted new department, "Communications," in which will appear disagreement or dissent in connection with articles as well as contributions from non-Communists. "The Worker" for first three months of 1958, had assets of \$27,462.54 and liabilities of \$85,562.92. Operating income was \$11,774.39, with expenses of \$46,168.62, a loss of \$34,394.23. Donations amounted to \$41,225.71. Circulation increased from 10,279 in December, 1957, to 12,471 in May, 1958.

EDUCATION JACK STACHEL at NEC meeting April 30, 1958, urged organizing among people nationally who are capable of explaining



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CP at universities and forums. HYMAN LUMBER on June 4, 1958, stated there are no CP schools as such but CP will open Marxist schools in NY and California in fall of 1958.

ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS

ARNOLD JOHNSON at Eastern Seaboard Conference stated CP members should establish party thinking in organizations they join, but should not become so involved in organization affairs that principal role of CP is forgotten.

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This section has been prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

T-13 on April 4, 1958, has advised of comments made by EUGENE DENNIS on recent developments in the CP, USA, with especial reference to the meeting of the CP National Executive Committee (NEC) held on March 28 and 29, 1958. DENNIS said that there was no general report made with respect to registration at this NEC meeting but as several districts were represented there was obtained something of a picture of the progress of registration. He said that the registration will no doubt be prolonged and that the CP is badly in need of organizers. DENNIS further observed that some of the leaders in the district did not even know how to conduct a registration.

According to the letter of ROBERT THOMPSON dated April 14, 1958, on the state of the CP, a copy of which was furnished by T-30, THOMPSON noted that he was writing the letter in order to call attention to certain matters in order that any disruption of the work of the CP national office that might be caused by his leaving would be minimized. THOMPSON noted that since the last meeting of the National Committee the national office had sought to direct attention to two main areas, one of which he identified as the registration of the membership. It was said that a part of this is the reconstruction in many places of a branch and section structure. Of equal importance THOMPSON said was the development of a concept of sustained effort through the year to reach the large number of persons who for one reason or another had been lost or dropped in the preceding six or seven years.

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Since it took them six or seven years to be dropped certainly it is not too much that the CP leadership should anticipate spending a year to re-establish the connection of those persons with the party. It was suggested that it might be of value to adopt a method already developed in a number of sections, that is the establishment of permanent membership committees whose main or only job would be that of developing connections and visiting individuals of that category.

T-2 has reported that on May 17 and 18 there was held an Eastern Seaboard Conference of the CP and EUGENE DENNIS at the opening of the meeting said that the conference would see an exchange of opinion on the latest developments with special consideration given to the status, activity and consolidation of the CP. At the conclusion of the meeting DENNIS spoke on the need for reregistration of CP members and cited the experiences of LOUIS WEINSTOCK. He related that WEINSTOCK had undertaken to visit personally and help reregister painters whom he had known over a period of many years. This resulted in the reregistration of forty members. WEINSTOCK had said that those reregistered had not been those who had left the CP in the past year but who had become disassociated from the party mostly in 1951, 1952 and 1953 as well as since. They had become disassociated not through action on their part but because of other things during the period of 1950 and 1951 when people were lost to the party. Many of them considered that they had never been away from the party.

On May 24 and 25, 1958, T-31 reported concerning a Midwest Regional CP Conference held in Chicago on the same dates. EUGENE DENNIS at this conference proposed, in connection with rebuilding the CP, that the registration period be extended in order to increase the size of the CP, that a national program for recruiting party members be organized with a drive to run from Labor Day to

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December, 1958; establishing contact with readers of "The Worker" for recruitment purposes and for mass contact.

DENNIS also said that the CP had lost a number of old and experienced people through resignations as well as other causes but that new people are coming forward. He said the party must help the sections to form wider corps of young people, women and Negroes and the party must also help the sections to train cadre.

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## II. INDIVIDUALS

The following named individuals, mentioned in this report, may be identified as follows:

### WILLIAM ALBERTSON

T-12 advised on March 31, 1958, that it was announced at a New York County CP Committee meeting, held March 6, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected New York State CP Secretary.

[REDACTED]

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified [REDACTED] as one of the twenty members at large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

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### JAMES S. ALLEN

JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over twenty years, who, at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised in July, 1953, that JAMES ALLEN was formerly editor of the "Daily Worker" and head of the Control Commission of the CP, USA.

T-13 advised on February 13, 1957, that JAMES ALLEN attended the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA held in New York City, February 9-12, 1957, as a delegate from the Southern Region.

### HERBERT APTHEKER

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States versus KUZMA Et Al (Conspiracy to violate the Smith Act) which took place in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania before Judge J. CULLEN GANEY. He testified that he was at that time a member of the Communist Party and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939.

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The "Daily Worker," December 22, 1953, page one, column two, reported that Professor J. D. BERNAL, English scientist, was a recipient of a STALIN peace prize.

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T-21. on February 24, 1958, furnished information that [redacted] of "The Worker."

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ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was convicted for violation of the Smith Act on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, New York.

[redacted]  
T-52 advised that [redacted] is assistant to ANTHONY KRCHMAREK in the Ohio Communist Party.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY

T-47 advised on June 20, 1958, that he had observed the letter of resignation from the CP submitted by GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY.

CHARLES "BOB" COE

On April 14, 1952, T-1 advised that CHARLES "BOB" COE was known to the source as a member of the National Farm Commission.

MICHAEL DAVIDOW

T-4 advised on May 24, 1958, that MICHAEL DAVIDOW had been approved by the New York State CP Committee as New York State CP Labor Secretary.

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed BENJAMIN DAVIS as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

DAVIS was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

DAVE DAVIS

T-13 has reported on April 29, 1957, that DAVE DAVIS was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

DAVIS was convicted on August 13, 1954, in United States District Court, Philadelphia, for violation of the Smith Act. This conviction is on appeal.

EUGENE DENNIS

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified EUGENE DENNIS as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed EUGENE DENNIS as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

DENNIS was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

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TOM DENNIS

T-54 on June 23, 1958, advised DENNIS is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA and Secretary of the Michigan CP.

BEN DOBBS

T-55, on June 19, 1957, advised that DOBBS is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA and also Secretary of the Southern California District of the CP.

DR. WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS

T-18 advised in June, 1950, that Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS, although on friendly terms with the CP for a number of years, did not actually join the CP until about 1944.

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T-50, on May 23, 1958, identified [REDACTED] as a member of the South Side Section of the CP in Chicago, Illinois.

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FRED FINE

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified FINE as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

FINE was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction is on appeal.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed FLYNN as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

T-13 advised that FLYNN was elected a member of the National Committee at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

FLYNN was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.



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The "Daily Worker," May 6, 1957, reported that FOSTER was elected Chairman Emeritus of the CP, USA.

FOSTER was indicted in the United States District Court, New York, on July 20, 1948, for violation of the Smith Act. He has not been tried because of his health.

JOHN GATES

"The New York Times," dated January 11, 1958, page 1, carried an article stating that JOHN GATES on the previous day, January 10, 1958, publicly announced his resignation from the editorship of the "Daily Worker" and the CP. The article quoted part of GATES' letter of resignation from the CP: "because I feel that the Communist Party has ceased to be an effective force for democracy, peace and Socialism in the United States."

SIMON W. GERSON

T-12, on April 2, 1957, advised that SIMON W. GERSON is a member of the National Committee from the New York District and a member of the New York State CP Committee.

GILBERT GREEN

The "Daily Worker," January 1, 1951, identified GILBERT GREEN as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

GREEN was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence.

DOROTHY HEALEY

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified DOROTHY HEALEY as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

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as its [redacted] "Mainstream," April, 1958, lists [redacted]

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T-20 advised that [redacted] a CP member, was present at a meeting of the Parsons Club of the CP on April 5, 1949 in New York City.

GRACE HUTCHINS

T-48 advised on January 4, 1956, that between 1928 and 1945 [redacted] was observed at CP meetings which were attended by leading CP people and at which meetings CP policy was discussed and the CP line established. T-48 further advised that subsequent to 1945 and until 1951, T-48 had observed [redacted] visit the national headquarters of the CP for the purpose of assisting CP officials in preparing speeches, writing pamphlets and drafting reports where statistics on labor activities were required.

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T-19 advised on July 10, 1952, that [redacted] was a heavy financial contributor to the "Daily Worker."

JAMES E. JACKSON

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified JAMES E. JACKSON as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed JAMES JACKSON as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

VICTOR J. JEROME

JEROME was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

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ARNOLD JOHNSON

T-16 advised on January 17, 1958, that ARNOLD JOHNSON was acting as CP National Legislative Director.

JACK KLING

T-13 advised on April 17, 1958, that JACK KLING was then Chairman of the Albany Park (Chicago) Section of the CP of Illinois.

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

T-13, on April 29, 1957, described KRCHMAREK as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, from Ohio.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed KRCHMAREK as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

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On August 21, 1957, T-13 advised that [redacted] was, as of that date, a member of the CP National Committee from Illinois and of the National Trade Union Commission.

ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, JR.

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T-17 advised on May 2, 1958, that at a meeting of the CP Waterfront Section on May 1, 1958, it was made known that AL LANNON, Jr., was then a member of the CP Waterfront Section.

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T-22 advised that [redacted] was elected to the New York State CP Committee at the reconvened Kings County CP Convention held on May 5, 1957, in Brooklyn, New York.

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

LIGHTFOOT was convicted January 26, 1955, United States District Court, Chicago, for violation of the Smith Act. He has been granted a new trial.

ALBERT JASON "MICKIE" LIMA

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed LIMA as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

HYMAN LUMER

T-13 has advised on April 29, 1957, that HYMAN LUMER was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed HY LUMER as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

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[REDACTED] "The Worker," December 15, 1957, identified [REDACTED] as Foreign Editor of "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker."

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T-56 advised on March 31, 1957, that [REDACTED] was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA by the New York State CP Convention held on March 30, 31, 1957.

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GEORGE MEYERS

On November 14, 1957, T-13 advised that GEORGE MEYERS is a member of the CP National Committee from Maryland.



On December 27, 1954, T-46 reported on a press meeting of District of CP, USA held at Detroit, Michigan, on December 16, 1954. T-46 stated that [redacted] introduced as Labor Editor of the "Daily Worker," was the main speaker at this meeting.

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BURT NELSON

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed BURT NELSON as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

T-13 has identified NELSON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

STEVE NELSON

T-13, on July 30, 1957, identified STEVE NELSON as a member of the CP National Committee.

JOSEPH NORTH

T-1 advised on October 26, 1955, that he had known JOSEPH NORTH for about 25 years as a CP member.

T-19 advised on April 5, 1957, that JOSEPH NORTH was at that time employed on the Editorial Staff of "The Worker."

PAUL NOVICK

On April 13, 1949, T-15 described PAUL NOVICK as being a CP member at that time and Editor of the "Morning Freiheit."

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

"The Worker," January 26, 1958, page 4, column 3, indicated that PATTERSON is General Manager of "The Worker."

PETTIS PERRY

On July 30, 1957, T-13 advised that PERRY was added to the CP National Committee at a meeting of the Committee held on July 27 and 28, 1957.

PETTIS PERRY was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

IRVING POTASH


The January 1, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker," identified IRVING POTASH as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

POTASH was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act. After completion of his sentence he voluntarily deported himself on March 4, 1955. He was arrested on January 4, 1957, for illegal entry into the United States and is currently serving a two year sentence.

AL RICHMOND

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified AL RICHMOND as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.



T-13 on April 29, 1957, identified  as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, from Eastern Pennsylvania.

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PAUL ROBESON

In June, 1950, T-18 advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

MORRIS U. SCHAPPES

T-23 advised on May 29, 1957, that MORRIS U. SCHAPPES was then a member of the New York State CP Board.

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T-13 advised on February 25, 1957, that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was elected to be the CP of Wisconsin member on the National Committee of the CP, USA and also Chairman of the CP of Wisconsin.

MORTON SOBELL

On March 29, 1951, MORTON SOBELL was convicted in United States District Court, New York, for conspiracy to commit espionage and was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

NED SPARKS

T-55 has advised on January 6, 1958, that NED SPARKS had been approved by the District Council of the Southern California CP District as Legislative Director.

JACK STACHEL

T-13 advised that JACK STACHEL was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, at its meeting on July 27-28, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed JACK STACHEL as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

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SID STEIN

On February 17, 1958, T-1 advised that at the National Committee meeting, CP, USA, held in New York City, February 15-16, 1958, STEIN vacated post as Organization Secretary, CP, USA, and position on the National Executive Committee. However, he remains a member of CP, USA National Committee.

STEIN was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act. His conviction is on appeal.

MARTHA STONE

T-1 advised that STONE is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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On April 8, 1958, T-17 advised that [REDACTED] had described himself as the leader of the Waterfront Section of the CP.

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T-53 on April 11, 1958, reported that [REDACTED] submitted his resignation as State Chairman of the Connecticut CP to the National Office of the CP and also resigned his position as National Committeeman of the CP from Connecticut.

ROBERT THOMPSON

T-13 advised that ROBERT THOMPSON was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed BOB THOMPSON as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.



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THOMPSON was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE

T-16 advised on May 27, 1957, that WILLIAM WEINSTONE was the New York State CP Education Director.

T-13 advised in February, 1958, that WILLIAM WEINSTONE attended the CP National Committee meeting on February 15 and 16, 1958, as a member of the Committee from the New York District.

WEINSTONE was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on January 21, 1957, for violation of the Smith Act.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK

T-13 advised in February, 1958, that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, from the New York District.

On January 21, 1953, LOUIS WEINSTOCK was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act.



T-51, in February, 1958, identified [redacted] as a member of the Illinois State CP Committee.

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HENRY WINSTON

The "Daily Worker," January 1, 1951, identified HENRY WINSTON as a member of the National Committee of CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

WINSTON was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence.

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CARL WINTER

The "Daily Worker," February 13, 1957, identified CARL WINTER as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at the 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker," July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed CARL WINTER as a member of the CP National Executive Committee. WINTER was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

HELEN WINTER

T-49 has advised that at the Michigan CP State Convention held March 24, 1957, HELEN WINTER was elected to the Michigan State CP Committee.

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### III. GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following named organizations and publications, mentioned in this report, may be characterized as follows:

#### "Daily Worker"

An East coast daily Communist newspaper, publication of which ceased January 13, 1958.

#### "Facts For Farmers"

The June, 1958 issue of "Facts For Farmers" reflects that it is published by Farm Research, Inc., 39 Cortland St., NY, NY.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., revised January 2, 1957, contains the following on Farm Research:

#### FARM RESEARCH

1. Cited as a Communist - front organization financed from the Robert Marshall Foundation, "one of the principal sources for the money with which to finance the Communist Party's fronts generally in recent years."  
(Special Committee on Un-American House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, pages 50 and 147.)

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2. Cited as a Communist front which is "used to appeal to special occupational groups\*\*\*"  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc 117, April 23, 1956, page 91)

Faculty of Social Science

On September 11, 1957, T-16 advised he had learned that the CP in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups."

On October 1, 1957, T-39 advised that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to T-39, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to give a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall.

"Jewish Currents" (Formerly "Jewish Life")

1. Cited as a Communist front which "first appeared in November, 1946, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, Morning Freiheit. The first issue contained this announcement of policy:  
'Jewish Life dedicates itself to strengthening the friendships of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union.'

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Its leader, LOUIS HARAP, has been identified as a Communist in sworn testimony.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956 page 93)

"Mainstream" (formerly "Masses and Mainstream")

- "1. Cited as the successor to 'New Masses,' 'A Communist Magazine' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, page 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, page 98)

May Day Celebration

The April 13, 1958 issue of "The Worker", page 16, column 1, announced that the May Day Celebration to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on May 1, 1958, would be under its auspices.

"Morning Freiheit"

The "Daily Worker," December 9, 1948, editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish language Communist newspaper.

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New Century Publishers

"Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities on page 67, sets forth the following with reference to New Century Publishers:

1. "An official Communist Party publishing house which has published the works of William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis, Communist Party Chairman and executive secretary, respectively, as well as the theoretical magazine of the party known as Political Affairs and the Constitution of the Communist Party, USA."  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, pages 7 and 35.)

"Party Affairs"

The caption under its masthead reflects that "Party Affairs" is the publication of the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America.

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"People's World"  
(Formerly Daily People's World)

"Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the "Committee on Un-American Activities on page 100, sets forth the following with reference to the Daily People's World:

1. "The official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast."  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 95; also cited in Annual Report, HR 1, January 3, 1941, page 10)

"Political Affairs"

1. Cited an as "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ." "Political Affairs, formerly known as The Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is Eugene Dennis, executive secretary of the Party."

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by Force and Violence May 11, 1948, pages 5 and 36; Also cited in House Report 209 on the Communist Party of the United States as an agent of a foreign power, April 1, 1947, page 25).

"The Worker"

An East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
July 22, 1958

Communist Party, USA  
Internal Security - C

All informants mentioned in the report of  
Special Agent Joseph V. Waters, dated at New York,  
July 22, 1958, have furnished reliable information  
in the past.

This is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 7/22/58

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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Enclosed herewith are seven copies of the report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 7/22/58, at NY. Copies of this report have been designated for all offices in accordance with specific Bureau instructions. Also enclosed are seven copies for the Bureau, and one copy for each office, of a memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth the reliability of these informants.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 4/23/58, at New York,

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No information was developed during the period of this report, April 1, 1958 to June 30, 1958, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

Underground Operations  
United Nations  
Colonial Matters  
Women Matters  
Veterans' Matters

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1-All Offices (Encls. 2) (RM)  
4-New York

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This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to national security, in that coverage of activities of CP, USA would be impaired. Examples of such sources are T-1, T-2, T-3, T-8 and T-10 whose information appears in reference report.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA for the quarterly period, July 1, 1958 to September 30, 1958.

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T-1

Furnished DENNIS' report on international situation to NC, 6/28/58.

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Documentation of JOSEPH NORTH, FRED FINE, SID STEIN, MARTHA STONE.

Furnished JACKSON'S report to NEC meeting on 5/10/58.

CHARLES COE to tour mid-west re farm matters commencing 5/25/58.

JAMES JACKSON on discussion among leadership of CP internal situation and ways to resolve it.

Documentation of CHARLES "BOB" COE.

Furnished EUGENE DENNIS' letter of 4/28/58.

Report on NEC meeting 5/9 and 10/58.

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ALLEN'S report 5/6/58, that 12 Party Declaration would be a basis for CP, USA Party Program.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or description of Information</u>
T-2 Cont'd	On 4/3/58, WILLIAM ALBERTSON disclosed that the National and NYS CP offices were splitting expenses involved in publishing "The Worker."
	ROBERT THOMPSON reports on "The Worker' Crisis" at NYS CP Staff meeting, 5/22/58, indicating financial help needed and circulation figures.
	JACK STACHEL commented on move of "The Worker" to CP headquarters.
	NYS CP Staff agreed that May Day will be under the auspices of "The Worker," 4/1/58.
	Statement by JACK STACHEL, urging that Party explain what CP stands for, at NEC meeting 4/30/58.
	Eastern Seaboard Conference 5/17 and 18/58.
	NEC meetings 4/15,23,30; 5/5,9,14;6/3,10/58.
	Meetings at CP national office, 4/9;5/6,20/58.
	Meetings of Program Committee, 6/11,17,30/58.

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<u>Identity of Source B</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>
T-2 sent'd	Purnished DENNIS' comments on international situation 4/24/58, 5/20/58.  Meeting 5/6/58, of NY State CP staff and comments of WILLIAM WEINSTONE re: Jewish Question.  Meeting 5/20/58, re: Jewish Question.  Meeting of NY 5/17/58, and statements of [redacted] re "Mainstream," and of JACK STACHEL and ERIC SENT.  Meeting 6/4/58, re Jewish Question.  ARNOLD JOHNSON's report at meeting on 5/17/58.  JAMES JALESCU's report to NL Meeting, 5/10/58.  Comments of EUGENE DENNIS on 5/13/58, on resignations in California.  Explanation by [redacted] of election held by South Side Section of CP in Chicago.  NSC meeting 6/17/58 re Labor Policy Statement.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or description of Information</u>
T-3 CG 5824-S*	Made available CP, USA newsletter dated 4/3/58.  Report by EUGENE DENNIS on the stopping of nuclear tests at NEC meeting 4/2/58.  Made available a letter on 4/14/58, from "ARNOLD JOHNSON for the National Committee."  NEC meeting on 4/2/58.  Documentation, STEVE NELSON.
T-4 NY 2225-S*	National Committee meeting, 6/28 and 29/58.  Documentation of MICHAEL DAVIDOW.
T-5 CSNY 11-S	Furnished info re request for article from Literary Gazette, Moscow to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.
T-6 NY 2077-S*	Info re FOSTER sending his article to Literary Gazette, Moscow.
T-7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 132px; height: 20px;"></div>	Info re letter from CP of France to CP, USA, 3/25/58.  Info re letter from CP of Australia to CP, USA, 4/10/58.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or description of Information</u>
T-7 cont'd	<p>Letter dated 6/10/58, to all districts by ROBERT THOMPSON re: Jewish Committee.</p> <p>Letter of ARNOLD JOHNSON dated 5/14/58.</p> <p>6/30/58, furnished a copy of 11 page document entitled, "Labor Policy Statement."</p>
T-8 NY 2002-S*	<p>Info re letter from CP of Czechoslovakia to CP, USA, April, 1958.</p> <p>National office assets and liabilities as of 5/31/58.</p> <p>CP National Fund Drive data.</p> <p>Document "Toward Establishing the basis for a program in Culture."</p> <p>New policy concerning "Political Affairs."</p> <p>Occupancy of 23 West 26th St., NYC, by CP, USA and "The Worker."</p>
T-9 NY 2318-S*	<p>Info re: letter to CP, USA from CP of Ireland.</p> <p>Info re: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, LOUIS WEINSTOCK and ARNOLD JOHNSON on committee considering removal to Chicago.</p>



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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>
T-10 NY 2010-S*	Info re: greetings sent from CP, USA to CP of Ireland, 6/12/58.  DENNIS' statement to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT re: NEC hearing of [REDACTED]  Occupancy of 23 West 26th St., NYC, by CP, USA and NY State CP.
T-11 [REDACTED]	National office income and expenditures, 1/1/58 - 5/31/58.
T-12 [REDACTED]	Documentation: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, SIMON W. GERSON.
T-13 CG 5824-S*	Documentation: BURT NELSON, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, HYMAN LUMER, JACK STACHEL, ALAN SHAW, DAVE DAVIS, ROBERT THOMPSON, JACK KLING, STEVE NELSON, JAMES S. ALLEN, [REDACTED] ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, GEORGE MEYERS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], PETTIS PERRY.  Statement of JACK KLING re Jewish Question.  EUGENE DENNIS on 3/31/58, on time for registration, need of organizers and district leaders ignorance of registration; factionalism in CP.

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T-14 [redacted]	May Day Celebration, 5/1/58, Carnegie Hall, NYC.
T-15 [redacted]	May Day Celebration, 5/1/58, Carnegie Hall, NYC.  Comments of WILLIAM ALBERTSON re Jewish Question, 5/20/58.  Documentation of PAUL NOVICK.  T-16 NY 694-S*  Comments of ROBERT THOMPSON re 1958 May Day Letter 6/12/58, setting out agenda of NC meeting 6/28 and 29/58.  Furnished pamphlet entitled, "A People's Program for Jobs and Security."  Documentation of WILLIAM WEINSTONE,  JAMES JACKSON statement 6/27/58, re sub-committee on Jewish Question.  Comments of JAMES E. JACKSON re: CP members running for office.  Opinion of ROBERT THOMPSON on defections from CP and activities of ultra-left.

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View of CP leadership of factional activity in Chicago and action to be taken, according to JAMES JACKSON.

Documentation of Faculty of Social Science.

Furnished copies of a document concerning ROBESON'S book, "Here I Stand."

Statement of ROBERT THOMPSON that ultra-left was no problem at NC meeting.

Statement of JAMES JACKSON that leadership had shown its strength.

"The Worker" removal to 23 West 26th St., NYC.

Successor of ROBERT THOMPSON as organizational secretary to hold position only temporarily.

Disagreement on election of full complement to NEC.

Statement of ROBERT THOMPSON that IRVING POTASH was most likely candidate for Labor Secretary.

Letter 6/3/58, to members of Program Committee.

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Documentation of ARNOLD JOHNSON.

[redacted] organized youth group -  
Article published in "Political Affairs."

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T-17 cont'd	Documentation of AL LANNON, Jr.  Security measures re CP Labor Conference, 6/7-8/58.  ANGEL TORRES' statement re own "little private detective agency," 6/9/58.  Documentation: [REDACTED]
T-18 LOUIS BUDENZ (By request)	Documentation: WILLIAM E.B. DU BOIS, PAUL ROBESON.
T-19 [REDACTED]	Documentation: JOSEPH NORTH, [REDACTED]  WILLIAM PATTERSON disclosed plans to move "The Worker" to CP headquarters, 5/16/58.
T-20 [REDACTED]	Documentation: [REDACTED]
T-21 NY 1697-S*	Documentation: ERIC BERT  View of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER on factional dangers of Right and Left.

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T-22 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]
T-23 [redacted]	Documentation: MORRIS U. SCHAPPES
T-24 [redacted]	Meeting, 6/4/58, on Jewish Question and statements of WILLIAM WEINSTONE.
T-25 NY 1869-S*	AL LANNON, Jr., contacts BEN DAVIS for appointment, 6/21/58.
T-26 [redacted]	Report of ARNOLD JOHNSON at CP Eastern Seaboard Conference, 5/17/58.  Report of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, at CP Eastern Seaboard Conference on 5/17/58.  GEORGE MEYERS obtained 8 Point Program, May, 1958.
T-27 [redacted]	CHARLES COE'S trip to Minnesota, North and South Dakota, June, 1958.  Statement of HY LUMER on 6/4/58, to Minnesota Educational Directors on opening of CP schools.

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T-28 [REDACTED]	HERBERT APTHEKER advised Faculty of Social Science does not maintain mailing list, April, 1958.
T-29 PG 148-S*	Security Conditions at Eastern Seaboard Conference, 5/17-18/58.
T-30 [REDACTED]	4/14/58 and 5/16/58, letters of ROBERT THOMPSON.
T-31 [REDACTED]	Midwest Regional CP Conference, Chicago, 5/24,25/58.
T-32 CG 6172-S*	EUGENE DENNIS expressed desire for black-board, 5/26/58.  DENNIS' statements re: Party's Labor Activity.
T-33 [REDACTED]	Election held by South Side Section of CP in Chicago.

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T-34 [redacted]	Election held by South Side Section of CP in Chicago	
T-35 NY 1696-S*	WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's statement re: "Draft Labor Policy"	
T-36 [redacted]	Information re: Meeting of members of Railroad Club of Illinois District CP, with New York Representative, 5/27/58. N.C. gave approval for holding railroad conference on 7/19/58.	
T-37 [redacted]	Furnished two booklets: 1. "An Economic Program for the Workers." 2. One uncaption, dealing with Negro Freedom and Fight of Negro Labor Forces, particularly in Railroad Industry.	b7D
T-38 NK 1849-S*	Arrangements for meeting at Hotel Edison, New York City	
T-39 NY 1857-S*	Documentation: Faculty of Social Science	
T-40 [redacted]	Financial information re: "The Worker."	
T-41 [redacted]	Furnished copy of "Party Affairs" of April, 1958.	

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	
T-42 [redacted]	Furnished pamphlet "A People's Program, For Jobs and Security"	
	Furnished information that the Education Department of CP, USA issued a document re: May Day and Shorter Work Week.	
	Furnished copy of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's "Build and Strengthen the Communist Party."	
T-43 NY 1995-S*	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS report on financial crisis facing "The Worker" at New York State CP Committee Meeting, 5/23/58.	b6 b7C b7D
T-44 [redacted]	Speech of HY LUMER re: Decrease in Party Literature.	
	Party considers establishing training classes.	
T-45 NY 2327-S*	Meeting at Hotel Edison, 6/27/58.	
T-46 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]	
T-47 NY 2017-S*	Documentation: GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY	



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T-48 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]
T-49 DE 623-S*	Documentation: HELEN WINTER
T-50 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]
T-51 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]
T-52 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]
T-53 NH 369-S*	Documentation: [redacted]
T-54 [redacted]	Documentation: TOM DENNIS
T-55 [redacted]	Documentation: BEN DOBBS, NED SPARKS
T-56 NY 1154-S*	Documentation: [redacted]

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Symbols T-3 and T-13 have been utilized for CG-5824-S\* in order to better protect the identity of this source.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols and these have been used only in those instances where the source must be concealed.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE 28 JUL 1958

FROM: SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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Rerep of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 7/22/58, at NY.

Rerep consists of 19 sections, each of which sets out investigation conducted in an area of activity of the CP, USA on which an investigative file is maintained. These files are indicated by the copies of this memorandum designated for them. One copy of rerep has been broken down by section in order that each such file may contain pertinent material as set out in that report. Each such section is accompanied by other pertinent portions of rerep, as well as a copy of the letter, dated 7/22/58, to the Director, transmitting the report and a copy of a letterhead memorandum, dated 7/22/58, setting out the reliability of the informants utilized.

- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA - Security Measures)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA - Factionalism)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA - International Relations)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - Political Activities)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80636 (CP, USA - Legislative Activities)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-89691 (CP, USA - Domestic Administration Issues)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA - Negro Question)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80644 (CP, USA - Youth Matters)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (CP, USA - Farmers Matters)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-88297 (CP, USA - Cultural Activities)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-54651 (CP, USA - National Groups)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80864 (CP, USA - Religion)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA - Pamphlets and Publications)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80633 (CP, USA - Education)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-133902 (CP, USA - Attempts to Infiltrate  
Mass Organizations)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-4931

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: JUL 17 1958

FROM : ROBERT C. BURNS, SA (12-0)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP (NY DISTRICT)  
IS-C

The next progress let re CP membership identification as of 8-1-58 is due at the Bureau by 8-10-58.

In order that the let may be prepared as scheduled by the Bureau, it is necessary that coordinators on each section furnish SA R.C. BURNS by about 8-1-58 revisions and statistics required.

SECTION 7-6 is requested <sup>TO REVIEW</sup> to NY let to Bureau 2-7-58 as revised by NY let 4-10-58 to assure accuracy of subjects listed in NY District as members of State Staff, Board and Committee.

SECTION 7-6 will also furnish "Estimated numbers of CP members" in NY District as of 8-1-58. This figure was 3008 as of 6-1-58.

SECTION 12 coordinators should submit additions and deletions to the list in a form similar to the following:

Page 90

Under TenantssClub

Add: 

100-555555

Page 102

Under Club Unknown

Delete: Revise: b6  
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In addition, statistics for each county must be submitted re (1) new members added since 6-1-58, (2) transfers or removals in and out of each county since 6-1-58, and (3) the total membership figure for each county as of 8-1-58.

- 1- NY (100-26603) (NY State) 7-6
- 1- NY " -C40 (Bronx) 12-10
- 1- NY " -C41 (Queens) 12-13
- 1- NY " -C42 (New York) 12-14
- 1- NY " -C42 (New York) 12-15
- 1- NY " -C43 (Kings) 12-11
- 1- NY " -C43 (Kings) 12-12
- 1- NY " -C44 (RAS) 7-4
- 1- NY (100-132430) (Industrial) 12-0

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)  
 SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
 NY DISTRICT  
 IS-C

DATE: 8/8/58

ReNYlet, 2/7/58, as revised by NYlets, dated 4/10 and 6/10/58.

Outlined below are the revisions to the list of active CP members in the NY Division.

As of 8/1/58, over-all statistics are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members	3006
(2) Number of members identified since last progress letter	42
(3) Number of members identified to date	1890
(4) Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	24
(5) Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	199

The revisions as of 8/1/58 are hereinafter outlined:

Page 3 - STATE STAFF

Add DAVIDOW, MIKE, Labor Secretary

Page 3 - STATE BOARD

Add DAVIDOW, MIKE

Page 4 - STATE COMMITTEE

Delete BLUMBERG, ALBERT

2- Bureau (100-3-4) (RM)  
 1- New York (100-26603) (NY State CP)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C40) (Bronx)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C41) (Queens)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C42) (New York)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C43) (Kings)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C44) (Westchester)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C45) (Nassau)  
 1- New York (100-26603-C39) (Richmond)  
 1- New York (100-132430) (Industrial Division)  
 1- New York (100-80638)

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~~1- Desk 7-4~~ Destroyed  
~~1- Desk 7-6~~ Destroyed  
~~1- Desk 12-0~~  
~~1- Desk 12-10~~  
~~1- Desk 12-12~~ Destroyed  
~~1- Desk 12-13~~ 3/30/59  
~~1- Desk 12-14~~ rch  
~~1- Desk 12-15~~ Destroyed  
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NY 100-80638

Page 7 - BRONX COUNTY CP COMMITTEE  
Under General Committee Members, add:

[REDACTED] 100-76652

Page 8 - Under Northwest Section Committee delete:

[REDACTED] 100-128832

Page 12 - Under Northwest Section Membership, change  
following from tentative to positive,  
i e. delete (T):

[REDACTED] 100-111325  
100-126979  
100-125577

Page 14 - Under Midwest Section Membership delete:

[REDACTED] 100-129331

add following:

Under Northeast. Section Membership,

Page 16 - [REDACTED] 100-84702  
Page 16 - [REDACTED] 100-135593  
Page 16 - [REDACTED] 100-135511  
Page 17 - [REDACTED] 100-103682

Page 16 - Under Northeast Section Membership,  
delete following:

[REDACTED] 100-66043  
[REDACTED] 100-90256

delete following:  
Under East Bronx Section Membership,

Page 18 - [REDACTED] 100-85233  
Page 22 - TAFT, MORRIS 100-16868  
(deceased)

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NY 100-80638

Page 24 - Under Southwest Section Membership add:

[REDACTED]

100-135423

Page 25 - Under Section Unknown, add following:

[REDACTED]

100-101604

100-63866

100-135239

100-129822

100-133973

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Page 29 - Under Prospect Section Membership add following:

[REDACTED]

100-85233

100-76652

100-127648

KINGS COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

Kings County Committee

Page 31 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-91237  
(transferred from Section  
and Club Unknown, page 49,  
(T) has been removed)

Page 38 - BORO-PARK SECTION, CLUB UNKNOWN

Add: [REDACTED] 100-58485

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Page 38 - BRIGHTON BEACH SECTION, CLUB UNKNOWN

[REDACTED]

100-63300

100-82191

(transferred from Section and  
Club Unknown, Pg. 45).

Page 39 - BROWNSVILLE SECTION, CLUB UNKNOWN

Add: [REDACTED] 100-125212  
(transferred from Section and  
Club Unknown, P. 53. (T) has  
been removed.)

NY 100-80638

SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN

Page 41 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-132322

Page 42 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-95529  
Add: [REDACTED] 100-62577

[REDACTED] transferred from Queens  
County CP, Sunnyside Section,  
P. 58)

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[REDACTED] 100-135141  
[REDACTED] 100-135144  
[REDACTED] 100-134206  
[REDACTED] 100-25840

Page 45 - Delete: [REDACTED] 100-82191  
(transferred to Brighton  
Beach Section, P. 38)

Add: [REDACTED] 100-130014  
Delete: [REDACTED] 100-127439

(name appears on p. 35)

Delete: [REDACTED] 100-66701

(name appears on p. 36)

Add: [REDACTED] 100-133091

Page 46 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-280  
[REDACTED] 100-133044  
[REDACTED] 100-131531

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Page 47 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-134719  
Delete: [REDACTED] 100-130682  
(name appears on p. 35)

Page 48 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-73676  
[REDACTED] 100-101579

Page 49 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-New

Delete: (T) after MYERSCOUGH,  
[REDACTED] add (above)  
after name

Add: MYERSCOUGH, THOMAS 100-14096  
" NORTH, JOSEPH 100-13444

NY 100-80638

Page 51 - Add: [redacted] 100-122843  
" [redacted] 100-121001  
" [redacted] 100-125844  
([redacted] transferred in  
from Detroit).

Page 52 - Remove (T) after [redacted] 100-134156  
Add: [redacted] 100-114501  
Change Spelling: [redacted]  
to [redacted] 100-101652  
Change Spelling: [redacted]  
to [redacted] 100-123217

Page 53 - Delete: [redacted] 100-125212  
(transferred to Browns-  
ville Section, p. 39).  
Delete: [redacted] 100-131553  
" [redacted] 100-88754  
Add: [redacted] 100-115020  
" [redacted] 100-65662

Page 55 - Delete: [redacted] 100-66590

QUEENS COUNTY CP

Page 56 - Under COUNTY COMMITTEE  
Delete: [redacted] 100-65505  
[redacted] 100-57521  
Add: [redacted] 100-52334

Page 57 - Under SUNNYSIDE SECTION  
Delete: [redacted] Joint 100-57460  
[redacted] Organizer  
[redacted]  
(above) Joint Organizer

Page 58 - Delete: [redacted] 100-76134  
Organizational Secretary  
[redacted] Joint Educational 100-62577  
Director (moved to Brooklyn  
Kings County, NY)  
[redacted] Joint Education- 100-69730  
al Director



NY 100-80638

Add: [REDACTED]  
Co-Organizer; Membership and  
Financial Director  
[REDACTED] (above), Co-  
Organizer

Page 58 - Under CLUB UNKNOWN  
Delete: [REDACTED] 100-95529  
(moved to Brooklyn, Kings  
County, NY)  
Add: [REDACTED] 100-57460  
100-69730  
100-76134  
100-88082  
100-57521

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Page 60 - Under CLUB UNKNOWN  
Delete: [REDACTED] 100-108640  
(moved to Mt. Vernon, West-  
chester County, NY).

Page 61 - Under CLEARVIEW SECTION  
Add: CLUB UNKNOWN  
[REDACTED] 100-133690

Page 62 - Under KEW POMONOK SECTION  
Add: CLUB UNKNOWN  
[REDACTED] 100-135379

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Page 68 - Under JAMAICA SECTION  
Delete: CLUB UNKNOWN  
"(T)" after [REDACTED]

Page 70 - Under SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN  
Add: [REDACTED] 100-129331  
(moved from Bronx County, NY);

NEW YORK COUNTY CP  
Page 84 - Add: [REDACTED] 100-124555

NY 100-80638

Page 88 UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION CP

K. CLUB

Delete: [REDACTED] 100-67329

Page 89 - CLUB UNKNOWN

Add: [REDACTED] 100-135360

Add: [REDACTED] 100-135413

Delete: [REDACTED] 100-102887

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Page 99 - SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN

[REDACTED] 100-134495

Page 104 -

[REDACTED]

Page 107 - NASSAU COUNTY CP

Under SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN

Add: [REDACTED] 100-80589

(formerly of Flushing-Bay  
side Sect. Queens County CP).

Page 108 - Under SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN

Delete: [REDACTED] 100-132973

Delete: [REDACTED] 100-132974

Page 111 - WESTCHESTER COUNTY CP

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Under SECTION AND CLUB UNKNOWN

Add: [REDACTED] 100-108646

(formerly of Corona Sect.  
Queens County CP).

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

Page 119 - Under FOOD AND BAKERS REGION

Add: [REDACTED] 100-68640

" [REDACTED] 100-64452

" [REDACTED] 100-58170

Delete the (T): [REDACTED]

Delete the (T): [REDACTED]

NY 100-80638

Page 120 - Under GARMENT REGION

Add:

[Redacted]

100-122402

100-75416

Page 121 - Under PRINTING GUILD AND LITHOGRAPHERS REGION

Add:

[Redacted]

100-103446

Page 122 - Under SHOE, ACWA, FURNITURE REGION

Delete the (T) from the following:

[Redacted]

100-67344

100-58500

100-133364

100-13436

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Add the following:

[Redacted]

100-66018

100-135706

100-67820

100-60878

100-135733

Page 123 Under REGIONAL AFFILIATION UNKNOWN:

Add:

[Redacted]

100-133044

As directed by the Bureau, the next revision  
will be submitted as of 10/1/58.

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TO : SAC, New York

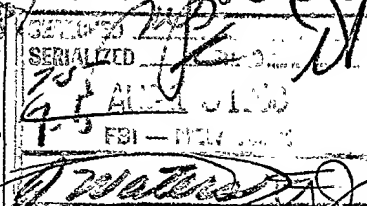
✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: August 15, 1958

There are being furnished herewith two copies of a chart showing the estimated Communist Party (CP) membership as of June 30, 1958, by states and territories, by field divisions and by CP districts as well as comparative estimated membership figures by field divisions for the four past quarterly periods.

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## ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

As of June 30, 1958

The following figures are set out according to states and territories, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES & TERRITORIES

Alabama	13	Massachusetts	123	S. Carolina	2
Arizona	21	Michigan	250	S. Dakota	23
Arkansas	0	Minnesota	185	Tennessee	0
California	1523	Mississippi	0	Texas	43
Colorado	7	Missouri	34	Utah	20
Connecticut	100	Montana	34	Vermont	2
Delaware	6	Nebraska	10	Virginia	15
District of Columbia	21	Nevada	0	Washington	300
Florida	37	New Hampshire	10	W. Virginia	8
Georgia	5	New Jersey	350	Wisconsin	102
Idaho	12	New Mexico	6	Wyoming	0
Illinois	668	New York	3200		
Indiana	101	N. Carolina	18	<u>Territories</u>	
Iowa	11	N. Dakota	22	Alaska	0
Kansas	5	Ohio	351	Hawaii	0
Kentucky	5	Oklahoma	12	Puerto Rico	16
Louisiana	10	Oregon	50		
Maine	2	Pennsylvania	279		
Maryland	62	Rhode Island	10		
				Total	8,150

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	94	Houston	10	Oklahoma City	12
Albuquerque	6	Indianapolis	101	Omaha	21
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	194
Atlanta	5	Kansas City	7	Phoenix	21
Baltimore	68	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	93
Birmingham	6	Little Rock	0	Portland	50
Boston	150	Los Angeles	1000	Richmond	7
Buffalo	102	Louisville	5	St. Louis	33
Butte	52	Memphis	0	Salt Lake City	20
Charlotte	20	Miami	31	San Antonio	6
Chicago	658	Milwaukee	102	San Diego	25
Cincinnati	64	Minneapolis	230	San Francisco	498
Cleveland	287	Mobile	7	San Juan	16
Dallas	27	Newark	350	Savannah	0
Denver	27	New Haven	100	Seattle	300
Detroit	250	New Orleans	10	Springfield	10
El Paso	5	New York	3606	WFO	21
Honolulu, T.H.	0	Norfolk	3		
				Total	8,150

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY, N.Y.

<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Barborsahia</u>	<u>States Included in Districts</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Barborsahia</u>
Connecticut District	100	Connecticut	100
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	250	Pennsylvania (eastern) Delaware	194 6
Illinois District	666	Illinois (excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Davenport & Bettendorf only)	666 0
Indiana District	101	Indiana	101
Maryland-D.C. District	63	Maryland District of Columbia	63 71
Michigan District	250	Michigan	250
Minnesota-Dakotas District	230	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	103 22 23
Missouri District	68	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	64 3 3
Montana District	34	Montana	34
New England District	352	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	3 2 10 120 10
New Jersey District	300	New Jersey	300
New York District	3200	New York	3200
Northern California District	510	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	510
Northwest District	310	Washington Idaho Territory of Alaska	300 10 0
Ohio District	352	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	351 1

DISTRICTS (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	12	Oklahoma Arkansas	12 0
Oregon District	30	Oregon	30
Rocky Mountain District	32	Colorado Utah New Mexico Wyoming Texas (17 western counties)	7 20 6 0 5
Southern California District	1035	California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & Kern Counties)	1035
Southern Region	143	Alabama Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Texas (excluding 17 western counties) Virginia	13 27 3 10 0 18 2 0 43 15
Western Pennsylvania District	65	Pennsylvania (western)	65
Wisconsin District	102	Wisconsin	102
<u>STATES WITHOUT FEDERAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	37	Arizona Iowa Kansas Kentucky Nebraska Nevada West Virginia (exclusive of the 4 Panhandle counties)	21 11 3 5 10 0 7
<u>TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS</u>	16	Alaska Hawaii Puerto Rico	0 0 16
Total	8,150	Total	8,150

\*Also considered part of Northwest District

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>9/30/57</u>	<u>12/31/57</u>	<u>3/31/58</u>	<u>6/30/58</u>
Albany	93	94	96	96
Albuquerque	12	10	6	6
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	3	5	3	3
Baltimore	69	70	69	68
Birmingham	0	6	6	6
Boston	144	142	123	150
Buffalo	143	116	98	102
Butte	47	41	52	32
Charlotte	27	23	21	20
Chicago	640	640	631	652
Cincinnati	63	63	64	64
Cleveland	337	337	337	337
Dallas	34	34	30	27
Denver	11	9	7	7
Detroit	242	242	250	250
El Paso	5	5	5	5
Honolulu, T.H.	11	11	11	10
Houston	12	12	11	10
Indianapolis	115	100	100	101
Jacksonville			6	6
Kansas City	10	10	0	7
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1,670	1,730	1,397	1,600
Louisville	7	7	7	5
Memphis	8	6	0	0
Miami	40	48	32	31
Milwaukee	123	123	102	102
Minneapolis	200	200	230	230
Mobile	6	6	7	7
Newark	511	511	350	350
New Haven	100	100	100	100
New Orleans	26	16	10	10
New York	3,261	3,292	3,002	3,006
Norfolk	9	8	8	8
Oklahoma City	18	14	13	12
Omaha	14	20	20	21
Philadelphia	310	310	344	194
Phoenix	25	24	21	21
Pittsburgh	96	94	94	93
Portland	60	60	60	60
Richmond	11	11	7	7
St. Louis	64	62	62	62
Salt Lake City	32	20	30	20
San Antonio	11	0	6	6

indicates significant fluctuation in membership.



COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT OFFICES BY FIELD DIVISION (Continued)

	<u>9/30/57</u>	<u>12/31/57</u>	<u>3/31/58</u>	<u>6/30/58</u>
San Diego	61	21	25	25
San Francisco	482	393	509	498
San Juan	30	26	28	16
Savannah	1	1	0	0
Seattle	300	293	293	303
Springfield	10	10	10	10
WFO	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTALS	9,727	9,045	8,066	8,150

SAC, New York

August 15, 1958

Director, FBI (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]  
 FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON  
 SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED  
 BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 8/18/58

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	7/20/58 CP meeting in NYC with [REDACTED] BENJ. J. DAVIS, Jr. and [REDACTED]	7/21, 24/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

For assistance in reviewing report, a number in parentheses ( ) following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parentheses. Where no number is set out, it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

On 7/28/58, [REDACTED] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a letter dated 7/12/58 from [REDACTED] inviting [REDACTED] to visit [REDACTED] 7/20/58. The informant also furnished the envelope which enclosed the letter. On 7/28/58, SA NORTON caused the letter and envelope to be photostated and returned the original letter and envelope to [REDACTED] that same date. On 7/31/58, [REDACTED] initialed the photostat of the letter and envelope to indicate it was identical with the originals. The photostat is being retained in [REDACTED]

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On 7/21/58, [REDACTED] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a leaflet which contained a reprint of a book review of PAUL ROBESON's

cc's:  
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BALTIMORE, MD.  
 AUG 18, 1958  
 [REDACTED]

[redacted]

book, "Here I Stand," by SAUNDERS REDDING of the Afro American newspaper from the 3/15/58 issue of the Afro and a reprint of a New York Times article on PAUL ROBESON dated 3/21/58.

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[redacted] advised that the leaflet had been furnished to [redacted]  
[redacted] 7/20/58. The leaflet is being retained  
in [redacted]

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

cc's:

1 - St. Louis (REGISTERED MAIL)

100- PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (11)

3 - Washington Field (REGISTERED MAIL)

100- ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D.C.

100- PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (12)

100- UNSUB; Person handling sales of PAUL ROBESON book for  
CP in Washington, D. C., who is connected with  
Afro American newspaper (12)

3 - Detroit (REGISTERED MAIL)

100- PAUL ROBESON (9,10)

100- UNSUB; White progressive who sponsored PAUL ROBESON  
concert (9,10)

100- NEGRO QUESTION (9,10)

20- New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

100- [redacted]

100- [redacted]

100- BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.

100- PAUL ROBESON (2-5,9-13,19,20)

100- JAMES JACKSON (11,15,16,18)

100- PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (2,3,5-7,11-13,20,21)

100- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3,4,10,12,17,19,20)

100- CP LINE (4,19)

100- BRIEF FILE (4,10,17,19,20)

100- FUNDS (6,11,12)

100- NEGRO QUESTION (9,10,15-18)

100- SECURITY MEASURES (12)

100- ORGANIZATION, CP, USA (15)

100- FACTIONALISM (15-20)

100- STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (16,17)

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cc's:

20- New York (cont'd)

100- YOUTH (17)  
100- COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS (17)  
100- ORGANIZATION, CP, NY STATE (18)  
100- COLONIAL PROBLEMS (19)  
100- MEMBERSHIP (20)

19- Baltimore

100-10584 [REDACTED]  
100-20994 [REDACTED]  
100-1560 BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.  
100-20853 PAUL ROBESON (2-5,9-13,19,20)  
100-18684 [REDACTED]  
100-11689 [REDACTED]  
100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS (5,12-14)  
100-12464 ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D. C.  
100-4090 BALTIMORE DIVISION, MARYLAND - D.C.  
100-20987 PAUL ROBESON COMMITTEE (2-4)  
100-12125 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (1-3,5-7,10,11,13)  
100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION (3,4,14,15,18)  
100-12070 SECURITY MEASURES (3,5)  
100-11640 FUNDS (3)  
100-11800 BRIEF FILE (1,4,10)  
100-11950 CP STEEL CLUB (14)  
100-12462 YOUTH (14)  
100-20694 COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS (14)  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22007)

DATE: 8-27-58

FROM : SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: SOUTH SIDE SECTION  
COMMUNIST PARTY,  
ILLINOIS DISTRICT  
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Utmost care must be utilized in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the source of this information.

On August 6, 1958, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] through a blind Post Office box at Chicago, a written report, dated August 1, 1958. This report pertains to a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] on August 1, 1958, at Chicago. Instant report is being retained in Chicago file [redacted]

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(CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)

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1 - 100-18963 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)

1 - 100-18952 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - MEMBERS)

1 - 100-24702

1 - 100-33927

1 - 100-27884

1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

1 - 100-21508

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1 - 100-23644

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-60)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-82)  
 SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP  
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On 9/2/58, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
 [redacted] of the following:

According to [redacted] Sec'y, NY State  
 CP, Communist Party will campaign to recruit 600 new members  
 into the CP. The drive will concentrate on the recruitment  
 of old members into the Party because of their experience and  
 know-how for the development and progress of the CP. The  
 drive is to end Dec. 31, and the CP is presently making plans  
 to celebrate its 39th anniversary at Carnegie Hall, September 26,  
 1958. The CP anticipates recruiting 100 new members by this  
 date.

- 4 - BUREAU (100-60) (RM)  
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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33739)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
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CG 5824-S\*, on August 29, 1953, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a one-page, mimeographed item with the caption, "On the 39th Anniversary of the CPUSA". This item reflects that it was issued by the "National Education Department, CPUSA", and that it will appear in the September, 1953, issue of "Political Affairs".

In addition to giving a brief summary of the history of the Communist Party - USA, the article requests all Party districts to start a three-month campaign:

"a) to promote study and discussion of the history of the Party and of the lives and work of its founders and leaders; to circulate and use such books as William Z. Foster's History of the CPUSA; as well as such recent works as Oakley Johnson's biography of C. E. Ruthenberg, The Day Is Coming, and the numerous other books and pamphlets available.

"b) to revive and extend the study of Marxist theory and the use of the Marxist classics; to organize classes and schools on an expanding scale, with special attention to classes for youth;

"c) to build the circulation of The Worker and Political Affairs;

2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)

4 - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-80633) (CP-USA, Education) (#7-5)

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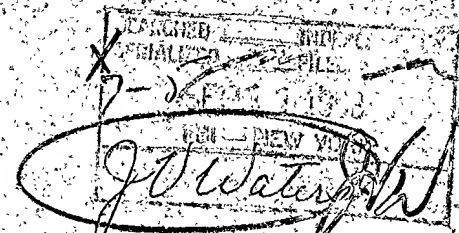
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"d) to increase the tempo of Party registration and the establishment of functioning clubs in all areas."

One photostat copy of this item is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33739-1A10.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33756)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11739)

DATE: 9/18/58

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,  
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
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Re New Haven airtel to Bureau dated September 11, 1958.

For the information of offices not receiving copies of referenced airtel and which offices are not, according to information available New Haven, cognizant of developments in this matter, the following is furnished:

13 - Chicago (RM)	(100-33756)	(CP, USA SECURITY MEASURES)	
	(100-33726)		
	(100-)		
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	(100-)	(CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)	
5 - Boston (RM)			
	(100-18950)	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)	
	(100-21413)	(COMINFIL OF BRT)	
	(100-18589)		
	(100-)	(CP, USA FUNDS)	
9 - New York (RM)	(100-89590)	(CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)	
	(100-132491)	(CP, USA, DIST. #2, RR REGION(12-13)	
	(100-84935)	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY) (7-14)	
	(100-)		
	(100-109560)		(12-12)
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	(100-)	(CP, USA FUNDS)	
	(100-)	(CP, USA SECURITY MEASURES)	
	(100-)	(CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)	
4 - Minneapolis (RM)	(100-)	(CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)	
	(100-)	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)	
	(100-)	(UNSUB, Male, Negro, wa. Bob)	
	(100-)	(CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)	

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2 - Butte (RM)	(100- )	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)
	(100- )	(CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
2 - St. Louis (RM)	(100- )	(CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
	(100- )	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)
2 - Seattle (RM)	(100- )	(CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
	(100- )	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)
5 - New Haven	(100-11739)	
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	(100-11181)	(COMINFIL OF RR INDUSTRY)
	(100-11791)	(COMINFIL OF BRT)

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Informant's report reflected that the conference was held by the CP to lay the groundwork for national coordination in the Railroad Industry.

For report purposes, the information was furnished in written report to SA THURL STALNAXER on September 9, 1958, by [ ] which informant should be described as having furnished reliable information in the past. The informant's written report is located in New Haven file [ ]

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The informant's report is set forth as follows:

September 6, 1958

"I attended the 9 AM meeting of the Railroad Section of the Communist Party this date, held in the Lawson YMCA on Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Ill. There were fifteen present for the morning session that lasted from 9 AM until 1 PM.

"Those listed below were present, accept for [ ] for both this morning and afternoon session. Only first names were used.

- "1. [ ] He is living in Chicago but indicated from his remarks that he had recently arrived there. Said he had been assigned to the Chicago area (presumably by the National CP) and was to work in conjunction with Otto Wangren to recruit members for the Communist Party there that are working or are allied with the workers in the Railroad Industry. He did not mention his work other than this. [ ] seemed to take an official position at the outset of the meeting, apologized that the 'National Officer' of the organization was un-avoidably unable to attend and greet us in the name of the party. I had to presume that this officer was Claude Lightfoot as his name was mentioned by the people in New York that had visited Chicago previously to make arrangements for this meeting. During the day he talked of high success in his recruiting efforts and at one point favored the group making a quota of '100' new members in the next four or five months. Said he and [ ] were visiting all the old members that [ ] knew, plus some new names that are being recommended to them. He also seemed to assume authority with [ ] in making arrangements like sending out for coffee at 6 PM rather than adjourn again for dinner and perhaps delaying the meeting far into the night. He and Rose did this on their own initiative, lending me the impression that they were accustomed to taking charge of things.

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[ ] is about [ ] years plus. Very slight built. Almost bald. [ ] About 135 lbs.

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"2. [ ] was his same old self. Spoke with high intimate knowledge of present party activity both in the Railroad and elsewhere. Confirmed that he was out again organizing members from the Railroad industry for the CP. Also that he still was running the CP Book Store. Spoke with confidence and often expressed his views on past performances of the railroad group. Also spoke of many cities and areas where there were still people that he knew as former members that would again readily join the party once they were contacted. Expressed the opinion that many of them still considered themselves Communists, were still friendly to the party and the only thing they weren't doing is paying dues. Spoke of St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn., Seattle and Montana as places where he knew there were people that he could easily again recruit into the party, but did not mention their names.

"3. [ ] Her last name was not mentioned. [ ] She indicated that she had worked constantly in the Chicago area with workers in the Railroad industry and with CP officials that were constantly recruiting and organizing activity for the workers. She mentioned that she was the woman [ ] was referred to when he was in Chicago in 1954 and some one told him a woman was in charge of the railroad group there. Said she was a member of the ILGWU for 27 years. Also said she was an organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

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" She was about 5'5" and of Jewish appearance. [ ] She was very hard to understand at times. I got the impression that she belonged to the CP for quite a long time but she did not seem to have the drive and confidence of an old time worker. Certainly not the E. Gurley Flynn type. Less confident.

" She was stocky and had rough appearing skin. Her dress could be described as a little better than sloppy. About [ ] years old.

- "4. [ ] He was described as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA. He was chosen to give the Keynote address. It was written out for him and it seemed to me that he did not write it himself. However, I have no way of knowing that for sure. He read it well. His remarks afterwards indicated he believed everything he read. He talked loud and often at the meeting. Spoke of [ ] of the sleeping car Porter's Union as a traitor to the Negro people. Has very strong feelings as to discrimination of the Negro. Mentioned that he gets to New York City frequently and will be there for the January meeting of the National Committee. He is a Negro, built slight about 5'8", 155 lbs., [ ] to [ ] years old. I believe he belongs to the Sleeping Car Porter's Union, or a similar one. From Chicago.
- "5. [ ] He is also a Negro. About 6' tall. Heavy built, about 215 lbs. Mustache. Could not ascertain whether or not he was an old time member, but, like the rest seemed to be very devoted to the CP. He spoke of Mechanical work on the railroad and led me to believe he was in one of the Shop Crafts, perhaps the International Assoc. of Machinists Union. He was from the Chicago area, wore glasses.
- "6. [ ] Very well dressed and served as secretary for the meeting. He was from Minneapolis. He devoted most of his time to keeping the record of the minutes and interrupted to speak only once or twice. Listened intently and agreed with almost everything. After the meeting, [ ] mentioned that he was not a railroad worker but was in a club in Minneapolis that had six RR workers in it. They had evidently sent him as delegate as their best representative. Per- the fact that he was not on the RR served to limit his comment. He seemed most enthusiastic over the fact that they proposed a quota for 100 new party members in the next few months.
- " He appeared to be in his early [ ] tall and well built, about 6 feet. Smooth skin. Mustache. Wore glasses.

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"7. [ ] Short, about 5'6". Said he was a cook on the railroad. Did not mention what road. He wore glasses. Clean shaven. About 150 lbs. plus.

" Had practically nothing to say. Appeared to be a new recruit into the party. I got the impression he was invited to attend either to make an impression on us as to their numbers, or, to influence him in showing him what a large and varied group they have. He spoke to me in the men's room but from his performance in the meeting you might think he could not talk. Said he had a lot of seniority on the road.

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"8. [ ] I presume his name was [ ] He was white and about [ ] years old. Weight about 150, 5'10", grey hair and balding.

" Spoke of the mechanical operation on the railroad leading me to believe he was a member of the Int. Assoc. of Machinists. Seemed to know [ ] real well and seemed to be an old time member. Perhaps one that [ ] had recently re-activated.

" He spoke with knowledge of the CP Program and what effect it would have on the workers. Also spoke of the union chiefs as an old time party member would in criticizing them. Readily spoke on all topics that came before the meeting. Seemed very devoted to Party and especially as it's work on the railroad.

"9. [ ] Medium built. About 5'11". about 170 lbs.

" He attended the morning session only causing me to lose my mental picture as to his features. I forget whether he had a mustache.

" He spoke briefly in the AM. Complimented [ ] on his keynote address. Spoke briefly on the matter of the treatment of Negroes by the railroad unions. I presumed he had to go to work in the afternoon was the reason why he left, also that he was from the Chicago area.

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"10. [ ] I learned [ ] last name when he made reference to himself being addressed at a meeting of his union officials. He is from NYC. He is Local Chairman for the Bro. of RR. Clerks. He is colored and is the party member that was brought up on charges by his union for over-stepping his authority, but the membership upheld him. He related that story to the group. He made part of the report concerning Negroes in the RR industry.

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" He is very muscular. About 6' tall. 200 lbs. Mustache. Clean appearing. Very vociferous.

" He spoke on most every topic. Quoted Marx and Lenin. Seemed well versed in Communist doctrine and used it more than anyone there. I presumed he was in the party for some time, based on his usage of this. Was very quick to speak his mind and even objected at time to ideas other members had concerning the topics. Was very put out when it was decided there would be no quota established for new members. He seems to be anxious to do a lot of recruiting and perhaps will make the mistake of trying to recruit his own members. I presume he has already done that as he said he was branded as a Red or using Red tactics and ideas at one of his union meetings.

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"11. [ ] He was white and from NYC. He is the [ ] that went to the West Coast and contacted [ ] in Los Angeles.

" He is short, about 5'5", 160 lbs., Jewish, black hair.

" He gave part of the report on the Pension Conference work regarding the Railroad Retirement Act. It was very poor and had little reference to the Conference except to say that [ ] was doing all the work all by himself. He did advance a lot of statistics that were quite meaningless. The question of pensions evoked quite a bit of discussion regarding the function of the conference. I gave the report as set forth by [ ] and myself.

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" [ ] is definitely without the fire and enthusiasm of [ ] He seems to be adept at organization, but is not much of a speaker. He chaired the meeting in the AM, leaving him very little to do or say. He had occasional comment, but not as many of the others. I would venture to say that he is completely under the control of Schwartz. I would also presume [ ] furnished him with his notes on the pension and the Railroad Retirement Act. I got the impression from his remarks that he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks working somewhere in NYC.



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"12. There was a Negro there throughout the morning session and until about three PM. He was tall and had a small mustache. He was well dressed and spoke nicely with a deep voice. I presumed he also had to report to work and was from the Chicago area. He knew all the Chicago people and seemed to know Rose extra well. She was very receptive to all the Negroes there.

" Prior to his early exit he made some pointed remarks regarding the discussion on Negroes in the RR industry. He seemed qualified in what sure of himself when speaking even though it was for a very short interval just prior to leaving.

" The others were, [redacted] and myself.

" I arrived in Union Station, Chicago at 7:20 AM (CST). I went directly to LaSalle St. Station and met [redacted] there. He had arrived 2 or 3 hours earlier. He came with me and ate breakfast, even though he had eaten once. We returned to the station and met [redacted]. He took us a few blocks and we met [redacted] who had driven with him from NYC. They had stayed overnight at some motel near Chicago and drove in to meet us. They had their 'station wagon' in some garage or parking lot near the LaSalle St. Station. I never did see the car. I never found out who owned it. I went with them after the meeting and Wangren was supposed to drive us to their car and then they were to drive me to Union Station. However, stopping to eat made this impossible as I had only 45 minutes so I took a cab to the station.

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"After meeting the NY delegation, we sat with them while they ate breakfast. Then we took a cab to the Greyhound Bus Terminal which was one possible meeting place for them. Since no one was there, we took another cab to the Allerton Hotel. We all waited outside while [redacted] went in and contacted some member there. He came out and informed us that the meeting was at the Lawson YMCA. The groups was listed as the Cousins' Club. Joe Chase and I were delegated to enter the YMCA first. If we stayed in the rest were to follow and that is what was done. (Throughout the day the practise of not mingling in groups larger than three was followed. I would say there were some violations of this, but that was the order). [redacted] and I found the meeting was to be in the Modern Room. We went there and found two or three members there. Shortly after the entire group was there. It appeared to be more than one last minute alert.

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"The room seated the fifteen comfortably. We were not bothered all day, except once. A young man who said he was the house officer knocked on the door and asked why we had a paper over the glassed in hole in the door. I said I did not know who put it there (which was the truth). He looked in the room quickly and commented that we had a meeting going on. I said yes and asked him in. He declined. When there was a knock on the door the entire meeting stopped talking as they did then. However, when the door was closed, the talking tones were from normal to very loud. [ ] was one of the loud talkers and took no caution with his voice. No seemed to think they should and no one said anything about it.

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[ ] gave his 'Keynote' address. It was 40 odd minutes. He had it written out. There was lengthy comment on this lasting the best part of the morning. He likes to talk with anger and, as I said, has a great passion for the rights of the Negroes. It included everything from Negroes being used only as Red Caps to the late War in Hungary.

"In the afternoon [ ] gave a joint report on Negro work in the party and in the railroad industry. This stirred up plenty of comment as there were 7 Negroes there. [ ] seemed to enjoy this very much and led me to believe he felt responsible for recruiting the Negroes that were there.

[ ] and I gave the report on the Pension Conference and the Railroad Retirement Act. There was a lot of discussion on this since the Congress of the US had so recently refused or neglected to take action on the current pension bills to increase pensions. All thought that the Pension Conference should be continued and that [ ] should be assisted, but, no one volunteered to donate the money [ ] said he thought necessary to make another survey of the Railroad Retirement Fund and the possibility of getting increased benefits without increased taxation.

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[ ] gave the report on the 1959 wage negotiations in the railroad industry. It was in his report and it was the consensus of opinion that the outstanding factor in the 1959 negotiations should be the matter of the 30 hour week for workers in the RR industry where it could be applied. His report also called for joint negotiations of the many unions in the industry. It was a very good report and showed that [ ] as ever, was right on the ball.

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"[ ] gave the report on Party building both within and without the industry. [ ] report was very good and as practical as he always is. Spoke of the need for organizing the workers into the Land of Socialism so that they could realize what a hooking they are getting under capitalism. Mentioned that the US railroads are the only ones in the world that are not owned and operated by the government. Said that this is an argument that should always be used on the workers. Cited examples of the better conditions of work and pensions that are enjoyed by workers in the railroads the world over, other than the U.S. Said it is something that we all should be fighting for.

[ ] was also the afternoon and evening chairman for the meet. [ ] later remarked that he was terrific in the chair. Said he handled the meeting terrifically.

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"When the matter of electing a coordinating committee arose, [ ] denounced it as a useless measure. Asked what they could do. I advanced the thought that the committee could contact each other through the mail and take up important contemporary subjects. Others advanced other possible functions of the committee, but Chairman [ ] held fast to the stand that it would not function and therefore had no right in being. Comrade [ ] finally managed to embarrass him into voting and there were not votes in opposition to it. Similarly, a motion to have a representative on the committee from New York, Chicago and New England, carried.

[ ] declined to serve and I was chosen. [ ] said he did not want me on the committee, saying that my union position deserved consideration. Consequently and after prolonged discussion, it was decided that the committee would be composed of [ ] and were to act only for the purpose of establishing contact between cities and groups and were to meet in New York this month, prior to the 24th. when the National Committee of the CP is meeting. At such time, Committeeman [ ] is going to cite to the committee the accomplishments of the comrades in the RR industry and ask for assistance from the National committee, both in the WORKER and from the many district organizers. [ ] promised he would make a strong plea, both for recognition and some financial help.

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"The meeting ended on that note. It was then 10 PM or later. A few of us talked outside. [ ] left rather hurriedly after brief talk with [ ] who he had convinced to reverse his stand on the formation of the committee. [ ] later said to me that [ ] was right, although he was the leading exponent of same at the outset.

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[ ] and myself went to a Toffenetti restaurant. All there fellows were hungry. They offered me a ride to NYC with them. I declined saying I could take the train to Pittsburgh and visit with my wife and then take the train home and it would be less costly for me. That seemed to be excuse enough.

[ ] got me alone and asked where I got the figure of \$70. for [ ] expenses to the convention. I said I got that from [ ]. In explanation I told him that [ ] had lost three day's work, which, after taxes, would represent at least \$55. I said the other \$15 was for expenses and that he could conceivably spend more in trainfares, if he did not have his annual pass. It was never established whether or not [ ] did. I asked [ ] what was the great concern and why, if he thought it out of order, had [ ] [ ] readily given me the money without comment. He said that he thought [ ] should not have. He commented that the funds of the group were completely exhausted and that the days of handing out sums of money to members was over. I said I realized from my last conversation with him that the funds were low and that is why I asked for none. I told him I had gotten paid for the day from my General Chairman which was not so. They readily believe those things though as they imagine all the unions and officers are corrupt and money grabbing. He started to question my about [ ] finances and income and I advised him I knew nothing or that outside of the fact that he does paint houses on the side and that he could more properly ask [ ] those questions. He said he would so I advised him to be well prepared for the answers he might receive. I also advised him that if [ ] did not use the money the party gave him for expenses, he always returned it and I was sure that if he had any left over it would be returned to [ ]. I felt confident after this that he was not going to ask [ ] anything.

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[ ] was his usual friendly self, holding my knee for some time during the meeting and walking with his arm around me after we got away from the YMCA after the meeting. Maybe he likes fat boys.

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"I left the group in the Toffenetti Restaurant and took a cab to the union station and the 11:30 PM train to Pittsburgh. [ ] said we would get together some time after the first of the month in New York. "

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It is suggested that Minneapolis, Chicago and New York may desire to furnish photographs of individuals whom they believe may be identical with the individuals mentioned by the informant in his written report in order that the informant might make positive identification of individuals whom he has identified only by first name and description.

## O F F I C E   M E M O R A N D U M

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)  
(100-3-84)

DATE: 9-19-58

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33756)(100-33726)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated September 9, 1958,  
captioned "CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY; IS-C".

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- (1 - 100-128809 CP, USA - NEW YORK DISTRICT - STRATEGY  
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- (1 - 100-132491 CP, USA - NEW YORK DISTRICT - INDUSTRIAL  
DIVISION RAILROAD REGION (#12-13)
- (1 - 100- CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES)
- (1 - 100- CP, USA - NEW YORK DISTRICT -  
SECURITY MEASURES)
- (1 - 100-80641 CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (#19-1)
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- (1 - 100-80640 CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (#19-1)
- (1 - 100- CP, USA - UNDERGROUND)
- (1 - 100-86624 CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#19-1)
- (1 - 100-80636 CP, USA - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES) (#19-1)
- (1 - 100-89691 CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (#19-1)
- (1 - 100-81752 CP, USA - BRIEF) (#7-2)
- (1 - 100- ROBERT THOMPSON)
- (1 - 100-123494 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-109560 [REDACTED])
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On September 9, 1958, [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished Special Agent [ ] information concerning a Midwest-Eastern CP Railroad Conference held on September 6, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois. This oral information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original narrative report will be located in [ ]

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Chicago airtel to Bureau dated September 9, 1958, set forth that there were two delegates from Boston; however, [ ] on September 10, 1958, advised that he subsequently learned that the [ ] in attendance was from New Haven rather than Boston.

It is noted that [ ] from Boston (believed to be [ ] and [ ] will be referred to by first name only in the informant's report.

It is noted that the informant previously identified [ ] by photo on June 30, 1958, while he identified [ ] by photo on September 9, 1958.

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In view of previous communications from Boston and New Haven in this matter, it is believed that the [ ] from Boston, referred to by [ ] is in all probability [ ]

The Boston Office is requested to forward a photo of [ ] if available, or of any other individual they believe may be identical with this subject based on the description and/or background information, while the New Haven Office is requested to forward photos of any subject(s) who may be identical with [ ] for exhibiting to [ ] for identification purposes.

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One photo each of [ ] [ ] is being forwarded to the Minneapolis and New Haven Offices by separate communication for the purpose of exhibiting same to [ ] respectively.

The Chicago Office is not in possession of photos of [ ] It is recommended that cases be [ ]

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opened in regard to these individuals and that when photos are obtained of these individuals that they expeditiously be sent to the Minneapolis and New Haven Offices for the purpose of exhibiting same to their respective informants.

Copies are also being sent to Newark, Cleveland, Milwaukee, St. Louis, San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices since originally it was considered that delegates from areas covered by these offices were to attend the Conference.

Chicago, Illinois  
September 9, 1958

Time, Type and Place of Meeting:

On September 6, 1958, a Midwest-Eastern CP Railroad Conference was held in the English Room, Lawson YMCA, 30 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Conference commenced at approximately 11:00 A.M. and ended between 9 and 10:00 P.M.

Persons In Attendance:

The following persons were in attendance at the Conference:

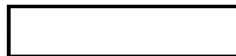
New York Delegates



Negro, approximately [ ] years of age, 5' 11", heavy build, partly bald, gray eyes, member of Railway Clerks Union and believed to be a "big wheel" in New York

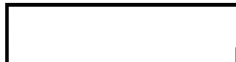
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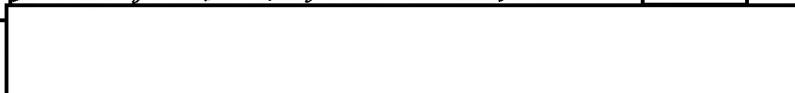


white, elderly man in the [ ] had once been expelled from a union, and currently member of BRT

New Haven Delegate

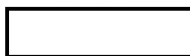


5' 10", 165-170, red hair, middle [ ]



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Minneapolis Delegate



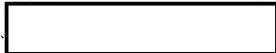
- Negro, 6', 185, early [ ], dark complexion, seemed to be close acquaintance of [ ]



Chicago Delegates



- Negro, [redacted] years of age, 5' 8", dark brown complexion, black hair, clean shaven, employed at Union Station in Chicago and member of Railroad Club



- Negro, 5' 11", 195, [redacted] years of age, large build, medium complexion, black hair, employed as porter on "Olympian Hiawatha" of Milwaukee Railroad, member of Railroad Club in Chicago at one time

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Those in attendance were introduced by their first name and it was requested that all be addressed by their first name.

Agenda:

The following agenda was adopted:

- 1) Election of Chairman for morning sessions and election of Secretary for entire day
- 2) Key note speech
- 3) Report on Negro Work
- 4) Report of Jobs for Negroes on the Railroads
- 5) Election of Chairman for afternoon and evening sessions
- 6) Report on Railroad Pensions
- 7) Report on 1959 Wage Negotiations
- 8) Report on Party Building
- 9) Election of Coordinating Committee

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Election of Chairman and Secretary:

The Conference was opened by [redacted] at approximately 11:00 A.M. although it had been previously planned that the Conference

was to commence at 10:00 A.M. The opening was followed by the election of a Chairman and Secretary. [ ] of New York was elected Chairman for the morning sessions while [ ] of Minneapolis was elected Secretary for the entire day.

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Key Note Speech by [ ]:

[ ] spoke of the elimination of jobs on the railroads because of automation, abandonment of railroad lines and because of consolidations of certain railroad lines. He said that there are less people employed on the railroads today than there were in 1890.

He cited the need for building a militant leadership among the rank and file workers on the nation's railroads. He said that there is a need for reorganizing the Party's forces and contacting old Party members.

[ ] suggested that a Party Organizer should be assigned to coordinate the CP railroad work under the direction of the National CP Trade-Union Director, namely [ ]

[ ] said that he felt that by the end of 1958 the Party could have 100 additional CP members on the railroads in the United States.

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[ ] then dwelt on the Smathers Bill pointing out that it aided the railroads themselves, however benefited nothing for the railroad workers. He said that the Bill, provided for by Congress, is in the amount of seven hundred million dollars.

[ ] spoke of the elimination of the right-of-way maintenance workers (track laborers) as well as of the elimination of repairmen in the railroad yards, stating that because of this situation there has been poor maintenance of the equipment as well as of the railroads' right-of-ways. This in turn has resulted in a greater number of wrecks on the railroads.

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[ ] brought out the fact that the pullman porters on the New York Central system had lost their jobs and were being replaced by New York Central employees.

A discussion then followed. Following the discussion the group disbanded for lunch.

Report on Negro Work by [redacted]

[redacted] said the Negro worker is the hardest worker among the rank and file workers of the Party. He said that concentrated efforts should be made to secure employment for the negroes. He said that in New York the Railway Clerks Union Locals have merged and that these locals had to put up a struggle for additional jobs for the Negroes. He pointed out that the Negroes should not only confine their fight in their unions but also in their communities through the NAACP and various civic organizations.

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Report on Jobs for Negroes on the  
Railroads by [redacted]

[redacted] said that the struggle for Negroes and other minority groups on the railroads continues today. He pointed out that in the last two years the number of white railroad employees has decreased 12 per cent while the number of Negro and other non-white railroad workers has decreased 25 per cent. He stated that as jobs become more scarce, discrimination against non-white workers will increase its tempo. He said that we can get little action from the railroad union leaders to spearhead a fight for jobs for Negroes and other minority workers. He said that in order to promote this, it is necessary to rebuild our Party, expand its work and mobilize all pressure forces for a class struggle against discrimination on the railroads.

[redacted] recommended equal job opportunities, upgrading and a larger share of railroad profits through shorter hours and increased wages. He also recommended:

- 1) Mobilization of railroad workers to oppose anti-labor legislation
- 2) Spearhead drives for FEPC Laws where none exist
- 3) Fight for a 30 hour week
- 4) Work for Negro members on the Adjustment Boards and Railroad Mediation Board
- 5) Consolidation of weak locals
- 6) In the long run fight for public ownership of the nation's railroads

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In conclusion, [redacted] pointed out that in an effort to achieve these goals, complete Negro-white unity and a Marxist-Leninist approach is necessary.

This report was then followed by a discussion.

Election of [ ] from Boston as Chairman:

At this point in the Conference the election of an afternoon and evening Chairman took place. Prior to the Conference it was agreed that [ ] of New York would be nominated for the A.M. sessions while [ ] would be nominated for the P.M. sessions. Since [ ] of Boston was the oldest CP member present, [ ] acquiesced in an agreement whereby [ ] of Boston was nominated and elected as an honor for long service to the Party.

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Report on Railroad Pension by [ ] of New York:

[ ] brought out that there are two or three proposed pension plans for railroad employees in the United States. He mentioned the failure of Congress to pass the recent pension bill. He said that his group felt that the railroad pension conference plan submitted by [ ] of New Haven was the most adequate plan.

He said that in the late 1940s [ ] was receiving considerable financial aid from the railroad workers in support of his plan and that at one time [ ] received as much as \$2,000 per month; however, now very little money is coming in due to [ ] illness and his inability to travel and publicize his plan to the various railroad centers.

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[ ] brought out that by 1961, 9 per cent of the railroad workers' pay will be deducted for retirement and sick benefits.

He explained [ ] railroad pension proposal, which consists of retirement after 30 years of service with one-half pay of the worker's last five years.

In discussion following [ ] report, it was brought out that the Party is opposed to age limits for pensions and advocates same to be based strictly on 30 years' service.

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1959 Wage Negotiations by [ ] of New York:

[ ] discussed the economic problems of the railroads and the fact that some of the railroad unions already had signed

agreements which called for the same pay. His main idea was a spirit of resistance by railroad workers against pay cuts and layoffs. He said that there must be a mass struggle to retain what we have now and that any future negotiations should include a fight for a 30 hour week.

He discussed the idea of severance pay for operating and non-operating workers.

[ ] said that a change to the 40 hour week from the 48 hour week did, however, not aid many workers. He said that a 30 hour week would at least maintain current employment.

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He recommended that cost of living fringes should be permanently established.

He said that the railroad contracts and agreements should be strengthened so as to avoid speed-ups.

#### Discussion:

[ ] of Boston discussed the elimination of the firemen on the railroads in Canada and that [ ] President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, had a chance to fight this but turned the other way. [ ] said that all railroad workers consider this a test case and that eventually the railroad workers in the United States will be faced with the same situation.

[ ] also pointed out that in the first division (New York) of the Railroad Adjustment Board, the BRT had not won a single case within the last year.

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Report on Party Building by [ ] of Boston and [ ]

[ ] pointed out that one of the problems that has faced the Party in the past was that of promoting CP issues which did not have the approval of the unions. He said that for this reason the Party efforts should be channeled through the local unions. He said that the Party recognizes that in the final analysis they will have to fight the railroad bosses as well as the union bosses. He said that this, however, is not the time for such a kind of fight.



[ ] suggested that the Party work with the Legislative Chairmen, Educational Directors and other progressive forces that are already working within the unions and thereby project the Party's program. b6 b7C

He pointed out the need of carrying on this campaign of promoting CP issues on a National level. He stated that this would include going into shops and centers to contact the workers directly.

He suggested that old CP members who have fallen away be brought back for their valuable experiences in past struggles. He also dwelt on the fact that there are about twelve railroad centers in the country and suggested that Chicago be the hub of the Party's operations within the railroad industry.

He said that at the next CP Convention there should be sufficient railroad workers present to convince the leadership that the railroads are a major industry.

In discussion following [ ] report, it was brought out that the Party has been active in the railroad industry in other countries in the world and that this should also be an important phase of the Party's work in the United States. It was discussed that since certain sections of railroad workers travel from city to city, this would be a valuable asset to the Party. b6 b7C

[ ] in her discussion pointed out that about three years ago in Chicago she was responsible for reorganizing the Chicago Railroad Club with the aid of [ ] [ ] the latter being assigned to help coordinate the work.

#### Election of a Coordinating Committee:

The East at first indicated that they were not in favor of any committee. [ ] of New York stated that he felt since [ ] was a National Committee member he could present the Conference report and their future program at the next National Committee meeting. The Midwest recommended a five man committee, however, it was finally agreed that a three man coordinating committee was adequate, with representation from the Midwest, New York and New England areas. b6 b7C

[ ] nominated [ ] from Chicago who ultimately was elected along with [ ] from New Haven. The

New York group stated that they would appoint a member at a later date.

It was agreed that [ ] should contact [ ] of New Haven and the appointed New York member one day prior to the next National Committee meeting in an effort to review the report which is to be submitted before the National Committee by [ ]

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Future Program:

As a result of the Conference, the group proposed the following as their future program:

- 1) Attempt to obtain 100 new CP railroad members by the end of the year, namely 1958.
- 2) Nationalize the railroads (government ownership)
- 3) Strive for a 30 hour week
- 4) Obtain pensions for railroad employees after 30 years service at one-half pay
- 5) Obtain a severance pay for railroad employees
- 6) Set up united negotiations and a united settlement for all railroad employees
- 7) Set up a program of safety on the railroads, particularly in regard to the lack of adequate maintenance of railroad equipment
- 8) Fight for jobs for Negroes on the railroads
- 9) Preparation of a "Newsletter" for mass distribution to the railroad workers

The Conference group agreed to set the program into action through proper channels, namely, CP State Committees and the CP National Committee. The group agreed that [ ] the National Committee member from Chicago, is to compile the reports of this Conference and present them at the next National Committee meeting to be held sometime during the latter part of September, 1958 or early October, 1958. [ ] is to present the group's future program before the National Committee and ascertain from them whether or not the National Committee will help finance and organize a campaign within the railroad industry.

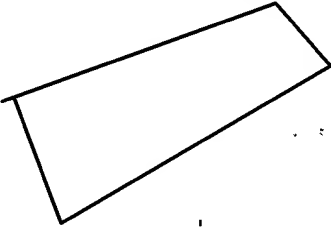
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The group expects that as a result of this report by [ ] the National Committee will assist in organizing a National CP Railroad Commission and financially assist it.

The group felt that they should be in a position to call a National CP Railroad Conference sometime within the next six months, possibly sometime in the Spring of 1959, for the purpose of organizing a National CP Railroad Commission. They expect that railroad members from all parts of the United States will participate in this Conference.

The group agreed that the minutes of this Conference should be sent to BOB THOMPSON and it is expected that THOMPSON will pass along the results of this Conference to all of the Party Districts with the hopes of eventually getting the information down to the levels of any CP railroad Clubs that may be functioning within a District.

One of the themes that was prevalent throughout the Conference was that of a fight of the rank and file railroad workers against curtailment of jobs on the railroads and a fight against the efforts of the railroad companies to continue high profits at the cost of the workers.



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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1894) DATE: 9/22/58

FROM : SA LEROY W. SHEETS (12-13)

SUBJECT : UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION CP  
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: Informant's report re meeting  
of Upper East Side (Yorkville)  
Section CP, 8/29/58

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Date Received: 9/9/58

Received by: SA LEROY W. SHEETS (written)

Original located: [redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting  
the following information in order to protect the identity  
of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows

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1-New York (100-82382)  
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)  
1-New York (100-133090) (COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY) (7-1)  
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Meeting of the Yorkville Section of the CP-Thursday, Aug.  
29th, '58 at [redacted] NYC, from 8:15 to  
10:15 p.m. [redacted]

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Chairman: [redacted]

[redacted] gave a brief report on her recent trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Island. She concentrated mainly on the "miserable economic conditions that the Puerto Rican people live there under American exploitation". Everywhere you go, you see American influence and control. Well to do people have to use brown sugar there, because the granulated form is too expensive to them. Admits that there is some industrialization. But it is controlled by Americans. All kinds of food items are imported from America. Wages are miserable and food and housing are unbelievably high. There is lots of resentment against US because of the exploitation of Puerto Rica. We could contribute more in organizing the Puerto Ricans here if all of us new the real conditions there and the language of these people.

[redacted] spoke on the [redacted] campaign, that it has assumed an international flavor and that we could contact all kinds of people in this fight, especially Negros. Urges to send individual letters and telegrams to both President Eisenhower and Gov. Folsom for [redacted] commutation.

[redacted] also spoke on Ben Davis campaign (she is very active at its headquarters) The need for canvassers is tremendous. We must admit we did not get what we expected so far. Reports that Davis is getting immense response at street corners and individual supports from people who are even far from us politically. Davis spoke at the Baptist Ministers Conference in Harlem, and although he was asked to speak for three minutes, he spoke for 15. He received a great reception-many of those present commented that times have changed since Mc Carthys days, that they would cooperate with him. Davis approached them on the question of [redacted] The conference collected there forty dollars for [redacted] defense

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and even invited Davis to speak at one of their conference in Chicago. [ ] emphasized again and again that everybody has to contribute some time for canvassing unless it is an absolute security case.

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[ ] reported briefly on peace. He said that the Sane Nuclear Policy Committee is beginning to discuss now what to do if an agreement is reached, and with all probability they will continue to function and fight for the outlawing of atomic weapons, stop its manufacture and destruction of those in existence. This is what we want.

On fund drive, [ ] reported that we have reached 66% of our quota (we had to reach 65 by Labor Day). Club B (has reached 97% ) Club N 64%; Club D 77%; Club C 57%; Club G 30%. On the membership 52% of our membership in good standing (we have 80 members). Situation called bad. Each club leader urged to have names of those not registered and suggestion on how to reach them. All those in arrear will be visited on good and welfare [ ] reported again that he is going on that trip to the Far East, and was urged by [ ] to write few articles with a nome de plume, naturally. He will contact peace forces especially in Japan and particularly in Hiroshima.

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I think the name of the Agency that is sending him is Air and Marine Agency.

[ ] reported that Potash is out of prison. They will try to deport him, but he will not be accepted by Poland (we saw to that) and they understand us).

All Club leaders were strongly urged to meet now that the summer is over, and begin to plan for Davis campaign and the election in general, and our other activities.

Our Section Committee will meet again on Aug. 11 at the same place and time.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)  
FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12462)  
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DATE: 10/1/58

Re Baltimore airtel, 9/29/58.

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1cc CP, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

13 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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1cc ROBERT THOMPSON  
1cc [REDACTED]  
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On 9/26/58, [ ] a member of the CP at Baltimore, Md., received instructions from GEORGE MEYERS, Acting Chairman of the CP of Maryland - D. C., to attend an important Party meeting to be held at New York City on Saturday, 9/27/58. On 9/27/58, informant attended the meeting, which was an Eastern Seaboard CP youth conference, and was held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 E. 41st Street, New York City, from 11:15 AM to 5:30 PM.

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Set forth below is a complete version of informant's report on the meeting. The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[ ]	9/27/58	9/29/58	DONALD L. MILLER (Written)	[ ]

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INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY  
OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

[ ] may be characterized as having furnished reliable  
information in the past.

"Balto., Md.  
Sept. 29, 1958

"On September 27, 1958, from 11:15 AM to 5:30 PM, an Eastern Seaboard meeting of young adult members of the Communist Party was held in New York City at Yugoslav Hall. (This hall is located at 405 E. 41st.) This meeting was attended by 17 persons. The following were among those present: ROBERT (BOB) THOMPSON, national leader of the CP; [ ] a Negro from Phila., Pa. who lives at [ ] and whose phone number is [ ] [ ] is approximately 5'10" tall and weighs about 165. [ ] is a white female in her early or [ ] She is about 5'9" tall, weighs approx. 135 lbs., and resides in Phila. She stated that she attended the LYL Convention in 1954. [ ]

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husband. He is blond, about 6' tall, weighs approx. 175 lbs., and wears glasses. [ ] is a white female in her [ ]. She is about 5'2" tall, weighs approx. 100 lbs., appears to be of Jewish extraction -- she has black hair and sharp features -- and lives in Phila. While in New York, she visited some relative [ ] whose phone number is [ ] and [ ] are both CP members from Balto., Md. [ ] phone number is [ ] phone number is [ ] is from New York. He has blond hair, is about 5'10" tall, weighs approximately 160 lbs., and appears to be in his [ ] is from Philadelphia. He is short and stocky, standing about 5'1" tall and weighing about 150 lbs. [ ] has black hair, wore a dark blue suit and appeared to be in his late [ ]

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"The meeting was presided over by [ ] and the following topics made up the agenda in the order given: Area reports; Integration march on Washington; the World Youth Festival; Peace - Administration actions in Matsu and Quemoy; and the existence, status and future make-up of a CP youth organization.

"The area reports were given by representatives of the New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Baltimore areas. The New York area reported that CP youth had been relatively inactive, but that this is beginning to change. At the present time, the primary organized CP youth activity in New York State is centered around a 'Youth Commission,' which the Party (CP) has established. Study of Marxist-Leninist theory is now being accomplished through the use of Party clubs. In Manhattan these Party clubs have a membership of about 20, another is being activated in Staten Island (this club will have about 12 members, almost all of whom are the children of CP members), and 2 others are being organized in the Westchester vicinity. The New York delegation reported that their ranks had been divided and greatly decimated by the split within the Party, and that the feelings which divided Party youth were just as vicious and more so as those which the CP encountered.

"[ ] from Brooklyn College reported on the Brooklyn area. [ ] is a student at Brooklyn College. He is

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about 5'10" tall, weighs approx. 160 lbs., has black hair, dark glasses, stutters and appears to be affected.)

"The reporter from the New Jersey area said that the activities and size of a CP youth club had been greatly reduced. He said that at the present time, their activities were limited to that of a Socialist discussion club, which had about 20 members, four of whom were CP members. He did not indicate what connection, if any, the other 16 people had with the CP.

"The delegates who reported for the Philadelphia area said that they had attempted to formulate a united front organization which included numerous other factions of the left, i.e. 'Trotskyites,' but that in practice this group proved largely ineffective because of internal dissension between the member factions.

"The Baltimore delegates reported that their activities had been detrimentally affected by dissension within the CP and the termination of the IYL. They said that at present the only organized Socialist activities are those being conducted by the Independent Young Socialist Club of Baltimore.

"Delegates from Philadelphia included some who were students at Temple and possibly Drexel. (There was a book with a Drexel cover at the meeting. This is the basis for the statement.)

"The delegates then discussed the integration march on Washington, D. C., which is being held on October 25, 1958, originally scheduled for October 11. All delegations said that they were supporting the march by personal participation, attempts to influence friends and organizations, and, in New York, the raising of funds for bus transportation by sponsoring a dance.

"The group then discussed the forthcoming World Youth Festival which will be held in Vienna, Austria, on or around the last of July, 1959. The cost for delegates at this conference \$2.00 to register and \$6.00 per day for the length of the Festival. They said that further information could be obtained by writing to Festival Committee, 27 W. 84th St., New York City. The total cost for attending the

Festival from the U.S. will be in the neighborhood of \$600. It was stated that the U.S. had been allotted 400 delegates and an unlimited number of observers. All arrangements for attending the Youth Festival as either observers or delegates must be made in advance and through the aforementioned Festival Committee. A New York delegate said that several organizations, i.e. YMCA, Youth Hostels, etc., were being contacted but as yet no affirmative answers have been received, although he said that he had high hopes for the Festival campaign. During these comments he said that he had high hopes for a favorable reply from New York (I believe Manhattan) Youth Hostels since 'we have a woman who is pretty high up' (in the N.Y. Hostels). Proposals were made that trade unions be contacted.

"Some members of the New York delegation recommended that 'peace' leaflets and petitions condemning the EISENHOWER administration's actions in Quemoy and Matsu be circulated on a national basis. The group finally decided that this was impractical inasmuch as plans for circulating such leaflets had already been formulated and partially executed on the local level.

"After adjourning for lunch, the delegates returned to spend the rest of the afternoon discussing the advisability and means of establishing a YCL (Young Communist League) or some similar organization. These talks were primarily exploratory and were conducted in preparation for another regional meeting which will be held on Nov. 30, 1958. The group stated that if such a club (YCL) were organized, it would encounter a good deal of opposition from the progressive forces, i.e. Trotskyites, and would have difficulty working in or with other youth organizations, i.e. NAACP and SDA.

"BOB THOMPSON said that the Party had hoped to establish contact with three to four hundred youths who were familiar with, or would acquire a familiarity with Marxian ideology in the next 8 - 10 weeks. He said that under the present circumstances, the Party clubs and study classes were probably the best means of accomplishing this. He said that these would be supplemented and strengthened by (1) furnishing a youth page in The Worker; (2) eventually providing a monthly youth bulletin; (3) expanding the old

Party clubs and forming new ones, and (4) creating some sort of national organization or committee for the youth clubs. He emphasized that all these steps are only preliminary to the eventual formation of some sort of Communist youth organization. To facilitate this, he said that the New York delegation should assume responsibility for the writing of a thesis on the aims, function and composition of this Communist youth organization. He said that their thesis, along with the discussion and conclusions of the meeting herein described, would be forwarded to the other regional conventions, which are to be held on the West Coast and in the Mid-West, for their study. BOB said that the N. Y. committee's thesis would be studied at another Eastern Seaboard meeting, which will be held Nov. 30, 1958. (At this time, a proposal that the conclusions of the studies of the various member areas in the Eastern Seaboard region be submitted to the N. Y. commission to help in their formation of a thesis and that these might be delivered by courier was made. BOB said that the proposal would be considered.

"BOB said a national meeting of CP youth would be held around Christmas or New Year's, and that another national CP youth meeting had been tentatively set for Easter.

"During lunch period, [ ] that she had seen him at the NAACP Legislative Youth Conference at Washington, D. C., several years ago.

"During the meeting, [ ] asked BOB if the next regional meeting might not be enlarged to include Washington, D. C. BOB said that, 'We have no one in Washington,' but that the meeting could be enlarged to include Boston.

"[ ] said that they knew [ ] but that he had defected from the Party after the recent split."

The above has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

New York, Philadelphia, and Newark are requested to furnish photographs to Baltimore, if available, where necessary to establish positive identification.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-127430) DATE: 9/24/58  
FROM : SA J. WILMER MIRANDON (12-0)  
SUBJECT :   
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Identity of Source:  who is in a position to furnish reliable info (conceal)

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Description of info: Conversation with

Date Received: 9/11/58

Received by: SA J. WILMER MIRANDON (orally)

Original located:

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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1-New York (100-120172)   
W. 147th St.) (12-15)  
1-New York (100-127420)   
1-New York (100-79025)   
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-85671)   
1-New York (100-101488)   
1-New York (100-136078) (PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE  
THE CP, USA) (7-1)  
1-New York (100-80631) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-87211) (CP, USA FRACTIONALISM) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-133594) (FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE) (7-1)  
1-New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (7-5)  
1-New York (100- ) (THE VANGUARD)  
1-New York (100-127430) (12-15)

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On Friday, September 5, 1958, [ ] contacted [ ] She inquired about his whereabouts over the past several weeks. [ ] mentioned that he tried to reach her without success, and realized she was laid up with a broken leg. [ ] said she is now home again but will not return to work in the garment district (boys suits) until Monday, September 22, 1958:

She asked [ ] to drop by and see her Tuesday, September 9th, which he did. On September 9th, [ ] brother of [ ], was at [ ] who is now unemployed, helps take [ ] to the doctor's in Far Rockaway by subway. [ ] picks up unemployment pay checks on Tuesdays at Broadway and 110th St.

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[ ] showed up after [ ] left and said he was going to a meeting 17 blocks away that night which LOU and [ ] indicated to be in the vicinity of 40 West 93rd St., near Central Park West.

[ ] mentioned to [ ] that he should stay away from [ ] who is working with BEN DAVIS in his campaign as she is a trouble maker who never gives anybody any credit. He indicated that he and [ ] didn't get along. [ ] agreed with [ ] on this point and warned [ ] not to give his real name at BEN DAVIS Headquarters as [ ] is "too valuable to be tagged by the bourgeoisie," meaning that he shouldn't sign anything that might be picked up eventually by the FBI.

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[ ] who was co-hostess at The Worker cocktail party one Sunday last Spring at [ ] apartment "is a jerk" because [ ] is press director for the district and she often fails to pick up the necessary Worker issues for the district. [ ] said [ ] was "excused from her duties", the nature of which [ ] didn't reveal, in order to return to school. [ ] said she herself is press director for her group. She also said [ ] is going to California for a few weeks.

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[ ] said the Communist Party is dying and that its membership has dwindled to less than 5000 nation wide. Whole units were liquidated and members names destroyed during the McCarthy days and have never been reactivated. Negroes and Puerto Ricans were driven off because of the racial bias shown by some CP members. Those CP leaders who went to jail have lost their spirit and are willing to deal with the bourgeoisie. She stated she would even include BEN DAVIS is this group of spiritless CP leaders if he were not colored and therefore had reason to fight.

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The CP National Committee meeting threw out all the main resolutions which made the organization worthwhile and have adopted the middle of the road policy, [ ] said. The CP leaders are negotiating to get back on the election ballot in order to legally vote their way to power. [ ] said they believe that peaceful coexistence can now be brought about. But [ ] said she thinks the bourgeoisie will never let this happen, so therefore the CP is playing into the hands of the Capitalists. The CP cannot walk on the fence in [ ] opinion.

[ ] said she and some other unnamed people have formed an ultra-left group for which they had a meeting last Sunday September 7th. She said the group is 1/3 Negro, 1/3 Puerto Rican and 1/3 white with the aim of bringing Communism to this Country by any means they see fit including armed revolt, in defense of the Capitalist attack. She said this is a far left group as distinct from the middle and far right.

She said she believes NAGY was a traitor to Hungary and deserved to be shot. [ ] who was present, said the state has the right to execute anyone who disagrees with it and therefore NAGY had to die.

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[ ] would have been accepted by the CP some time ago but she didn't want him in at that time because the CP was dying and their ultra-left group was in the process of being formed. Now that the ultra-left group has been formed, she said [ ] could eventually join



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with them but he should take some MARXIST courses at the social science school run by [redacted] which is now located at Broadway and 11th Street.

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[redacted] said another reason the CP is in its present condition and lacks the fight it had in it 20 years ago, is because the leaders are now too old. The cause needs young blood, people in the 20's and 30's.

The present average age in the new ultra left group is about age 30, [redacted] stated. They estimate they have a total group of 600 members which is growing.

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A rally will soon be held to celebrate the anniversary of The Worker, but [redacted] said she can't see why in view of The Worker not fighting for the people anymore. To make up for this, [redacted] said, their ultra left group is bringing out a paper called the "Vanguard" in the next few weeks.

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Identity of Source: NY 2078-S, who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal).

Date Received: 9/2/58

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info to protect the identity of the informant.

The following lists were revealed orally to SA [ ] on 8/7 and 13/58 as noted. They were reduced to a report on 8/22/58 by SA [ ]. They were corrected and authenticated by NY 2078-S on 9/2/58.

1-NY 100-8522 (ALP) (7-1)  
1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-133479 (YSA) (7-3)

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The following names, addresses and telephone numbers were handed out by [redacted] at YSA Headquarters on or about 8/7/58. [redacted] claimed to have about 150 names, addresses and telephone numbers and claimed they were CP members, CP sympathizers or ALP ers which he secured from the headquarters of the United Independent Socialist Ticket Committee. It is believed they were obtained through Elinor Ferri of the UIST Committee. [redacted] wanted everyone to telephonically contact approximately 10 persons to ascertain if they were favorably inclined toward the UIST.

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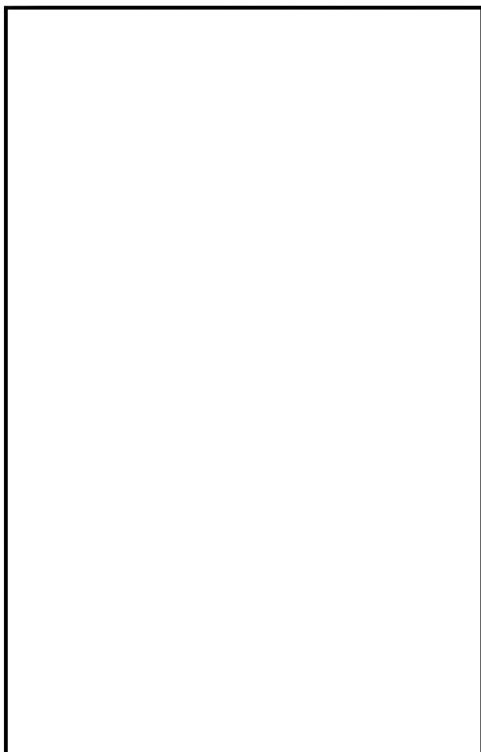
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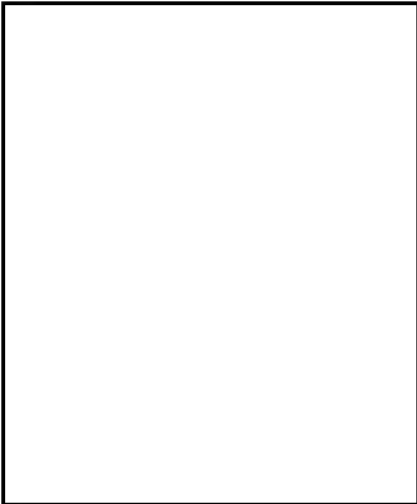
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The following names, addresses and telephone numbers were observed at YSA Headquarters, 144 Second Avenue, NYC on or about 8/13/58 and are part of a total of about 150 names and addresses and telephone numbers that [redacted] handed out to YSA members for telephonic canvassing. [redacted] said the total of 150 names which he obtained from the United Independent Socialist Committee were Communist Party members, Communist Party Sympathizers or ALPers. It is believed that [redacted] obtained the names through [redacted] of the UISC.



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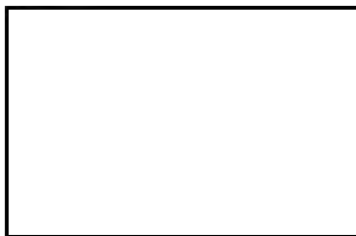
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The following names, addresses and telephone numbers were part of a group of names and telephone numbers that were given to [redacted] for canvassing. They were part of an original group of 150 names that [redacted] obtained from the United Independent Socialist Ticket Committee, possibly through [redacted] of that committee. [redacted] described the names as being Communist Party members, Communist Party sympathizers or ALPers. [redacted] wanted each YSA member to telephonically canvass about 10 persons regarding their attitude toward the UIST. The following five names were turned back into the YSA by [redacted] and the comment following the names indicates the results of [redacted] efforts. They were returned to YSA Hdqtrs about 8/13/58.

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It is noted that NY 2078-S is unable to determine which individuals are CP members, CP sympathizers or ALP'ers. Nor is NY 2078-S in a position to ascertain who are members and who are not. Recontact with NY 2078-S concerning any of the above will not reveal any additional information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 10/9/58

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Re NY letter dated 2/7/58, as revised by NY letters dated 4/10/58, 6/10/58 and 8/8/58.

Outlined below are the revisions to the list of active CP members in the NY Division.

As of 10/1/58, over-all statistics are as follows:

(1)	Estimated number of CP members	3117
(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	52
(3)	Number of members identified to date	1914
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	5
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	155

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1-New York (100-26603-C40) (Bronx)  
1-New York (100-26603-C41) (Queens)  
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1-New York (100-26603-C44) (Westchester)  
1-New York (100-26603-C45) (Nassau)  
1-New York (100-26603-C39) (Richmond)  
1-New York (132430) (Industrial Division)  
1-New York (100-80638)

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NY 2225-S\*, on 7/19/58, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON, NY District Secretary, at a meeting of the NY District Committee, CP, USA, at Yugoslav Hall, NYC, reviewed the Party strength as follows:

Area	1955 Registration	1958 Registration	Percent of Registration
Manhattan	1625	566	35
Industry	2526	860	34
Nassau	329	100	30
Upstate	350	100	29
Bronx	1759	270	25
Westchester	230	50	21
Queens	885	150	17
Brooklyn	1772	292	16
Total	8476	2388	

ALBERTSON stated these figures show that they have 27 per cent of their 1955 registration for a current registration of 2388. He noted that one-third of the Party was in the Industrial Section.

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The revisions as of 10/1/58, are hereinafter outlined:

Page 3 - STATE STAFF

DAVIS, BENJAMIN J. JR. - Chairman  
WEINSTONE, WILLIAM - Educational Director  
ALBERTSON, WILLIAM - State Secretary  
DAVIDOW, MIKE - Labor Secretary

Page 3 - STATE BOARD

ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

DAVIDOW, MIKE  
DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., JR.  
GERSON, SIMON W.

PATTERSON, WILLIAM L.

SCHAPPES, MORRIS U.

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Page 4 - STATE COMMITTEE

[REDACTED]  
ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

[REDACTED]  
BERRY, ABNER

[REDACTED]  
COLON, JESUS

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DAVIDOW, MIKE  
DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., JR.

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GATES, LILLIAN  
GERSON, SIMON W.

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ROBINSON, HALOIS (MOOREHEAD)

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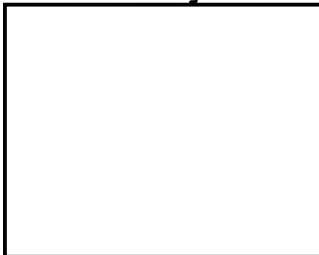
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BRONX COUNTY CP COMMITTEE

Page 7 - Under Bronx County Staff

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also on 9/10/58. [ ]  
[ ] the  
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Page 29 - PROSPECT SECTION

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KINGS COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

Kings County Staff

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Kings County Committee

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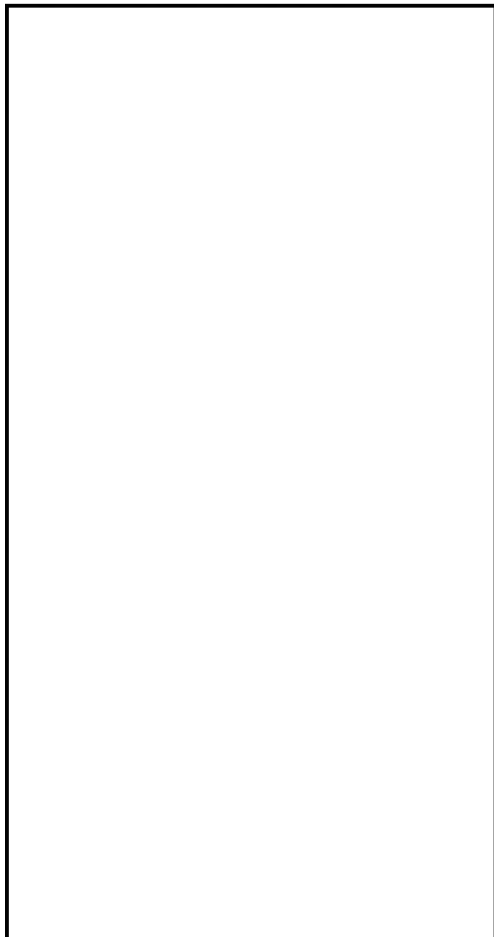


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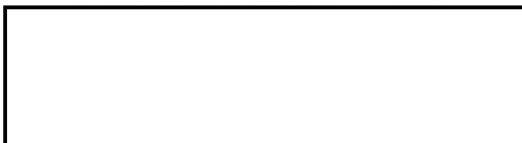
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76) DATE: OCT 14 1958

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-4284L)

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Re Baltimore letter to Bureau dated 10/1/58.

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Relet set forth a report from [ ] which that informant made concerning the Eastern Seaboard Regional Youth Conference held in New York City on 9/27/58.

Enclosed in this report is a statement made by the New Jersey delegate at the conference concerning the status of Communist Party youth activity in New Jersey. b7D

On 10/9/58, [ ] advised SA RUSSELL H. HORNER that at the above conference, the New Jersey delegate reported to the conference concerning the status of youth activity in New Jersey. This delegate stated that New Jersey had no active CP youth organization operating in New Jersey. He reported he was attending the conference to obtain suggestions on organizing CP youth which he would take back to the New Jersey state leadership along with the recommendation that New Jersey commence to organize a CP youth group.

Due to the fact that [ ] was in a position to furnish reliable information in this matter, it is suggested that in any future reporting of this phase of the conference, the above information be utilized instead of that set forth in relet.

On 9/29/58, [ ] advised SA RUSSELL H. HORNER that the New Jersey delegate received his credentials for the Eastern Regional Youth Conference from the National Headquarters, CP, USA, New York City. According to the informant, this delegate presented himself at Headquarters and stated he had been sent by the state leadership as the delegate from New Jersey. The only individual present at the time left the room and returned a few minutes later with a slip of paper bearing the notation "Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St., New York City." According to [ ], the New Jersey delegate used this slip of paper as credentials for this youth conference. b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 10/16/58

CG 5824-S\*, on October 9, 1958, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a three-page, mimeographed document with the caption "Notes on Bob Thompson's Report".

One photostat copy of this document is enclosed herewith the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (59).

CG 5824-S\* advised that this is an edited version of the report of BOB THOMPSON on organization which was made to the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA, held in New York City from September 19 through 21, 1958. CG 5824-S\* had previously furnished information concerning this report by THOMPSON, and this information has been disseminated.

It is noted that in this report, THOMPSON states that the Communist Party - USA has "Received the resignation of SID STEIN from the Party." THOMPSON also deals with the activities of the Right wing and the ultra-left or revisionists and dogmatists, and concludes with the following paragraphs:

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  - (1 - 100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (#7-5)
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"9. In further combatting and liquidation of both revisionist and dogmatist tendencies and forces, the decisive factor has become the effective unfoldment of a Party alternative, the effective development of fully adequate Party policy in all main areas of work, the increasing activization of our Party in mass work, the improvement of Party educational and theoretical activities, the spreading of the trend towards Party rebuilding and recruiting to the point where it becomes a dominant characteristic of our Party.

"A. In this connection at our next National Committee meeting, which will probably be held towards the end of November or beginning of December, we should launch a comprehensive year-long program around the observance of the fortieth anniversary of our Party. ---- This should include a Party publication program, a Party program of education, inclusive of club educational activities, a series of public meetings throughout the country, a Party press-building campaign, a realistic Party recruiting drive.

"10. Let me conclude by emphasizing that these developments in revisionist and dogmatist circles in and around the Party since our new National Committee meeting do not mark the opening of a new Party crisis. They are the aftermath of the critical period through which our Party has already passed. They are the product of the new situation of improved ideological and political help and organizational stability of our Party."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 10/16/58

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A  
HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S\*, on 10/15/58, orally furnished the informa-  
tion appearing on the following pages to SA JOHN E. KEATING.  
This oral information was reduced to writing on 10/16/58.

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  - (1 - 100- ) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the  
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  - (1 - 100-6379) (CARL ROSS)
- 4 - Newark (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-4284) (CP-USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-4284- ) (CP-USA, New Jersey District, Harriet Tubman  
Section)
  - (1 - 100-2974) (MARTHA STONE)
  - (1 - 100- ) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the  
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  - (1 - 100-50806) (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)
  - (1 - 100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#7-5)
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- 2 - Pittsburgh (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- (1 - 100- ) (CP-USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-1763) (STEVE NELSON)
- 3 - San Francisco (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- (1 - 100-27747) (CP-USA, Organization)
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  - (1 - 100- ) [REDACTED]
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October 15, 1958

The following information was received in conversations with EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary, and ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, during the first part of the week of October 12, 1958:

Resignations from the Communist Party - USA

AL BLUMBERG, MARTHA STONE, and [ ] have all submitted formal resignations from the Communist Party - USA to the National Office of the Communist Party - USA. The letters of all three were similar in content. They stated that the present leadership of the Communist Party - USA has "gone back on the decisions made at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA". Further, that the issues they want to discuss would be regarded as factional activity by the present leadership.

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Meeting of Supporters of the Right Wing  
Viewpoint in New York City during the  
Weekend of 10/11-12/58

DENNIS and THOMPSON received a report of the meeting of the supporters of the Right wing viewpoint from BILL ALBERTSON. The meeting was held during the weekend of October 11-12, 1958, lasted for two days, and was held in the McAlpin Hotel in New York City. Among those reported to be in attendance are the following:

AL BLUMBERG, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, FRED FINE, [ ]  
[ ] SID STEIN, MARTHA STONE, and [ ]  
[ ]

DENNIS also stated that he had talked to SI GERSON and asked GERSON if he had received an invitation to attend this conference. GERSON replied that he did not receive a formal invitation. Then DENNIS asked GERSON, Formal invitation or not, are you going to attend? GERSON said that he was not.

DENNIS further stated that STEVE NELSON presently has a job in New York City selling some printing matter. ISADORE WOFSY

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met NELSON on the street and asked him if he was going to attend the Right wing conference. NELSON told WOFSY that he was not; however, DENNIS commented that NELSON was missing from the place at which he was staying during the time the conference was held.

DENNIS and THOMPSON learned from BILL ALBERTSON that at this Right wing conference, it was decided not to form a new organization at this time. "Committees of correspondence" will be established in order that the supporters of the Right wing viewpoint can maintain contact. They will meet again in the next three to six months and make further decisions at that time.

Draft Resolution of the Communist  
Party - USA on the Factional Groupings

The resident National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA was preparing a draft resolution on the factional groupings on Tuesday, October 14, 1958. This draft resolution will be presented to all members of the National Executive Committee for approval. The resident National Executive Committee requested MORRIS CHILDS, of Chicago, to make arrangements with [redacted] head of the Labor Progressive Party, to have the final resolution sent to Prague, Czechoslovakia, in order that it might be incorporated into the "World Marxist Review".

Provisional Committee to Reconstitute  
the Communist Party - USA

DENNIS and THOMPSON stated that they had learned that there is considerable dissension in the ultra-Left organization, the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party - USA. They have learned that HARRY HAYWOOD and [redacted] have been removed from this organization. Further, that the ultra-Left now has differences with JOE DOUGHER, of Philadelphia. Also, the ultra-Left is attacking [redacted] of Chicago, and the expelled group from the Harriet Tubman Section in New Jersey as traitors.

"People's World"

DENNIS was exhibiting a letter he had just received from

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HY LUMER, who is presently in California. LUMER stated that while the leadership of the Northern California District states that the "People's World" is a Party paper, the supporters of the Right wing viewpoint in California say that it is not a Party publication. DENNIS, THOMPSON, and JACK STACHEL all expressed the opinion that the Right wing is planning to take over the "People's World". They also expressed the opinion that if this happens, the "People's World" will fold because it will not receive the support of those members and sympathizers who will remain loyal to the Communist Party. Without this support, the paper will fail because it is in a severe financial crisis at the present time. They also stated that they felt that HY LUMER is not strong enough to prevent any action by the Right wing in regard to the "People's World".

In answer to questions from MORRIS CHILDS, who is a member of the National Appeals and Review Commission, THOMPSON and DENNIS stated that they did not know at this time who is in official or legal control of "People's World". Therefore, they could not predict whether or not the Right wing would be successful in an attempt to gain control of the "People's World" if, in fact, it plans to do so.

Friction Between the New York District  
Leadership and the National Office of  
the Communist Party - USA

In various conversations with persons in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA, it was learned that there is currently friction between BEN DAVIS and the entire leadership in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA. Further, that BILL ALBERTSON has "surrendered to DAVIS" and that there is a feeling that DAVIS may attempt to take over the leadership of the Communist Party - USA. The National Office is suspicious of ALBERTSON and this suspicion has a long-term basis. It is based on the fact that he is "loose with women" and has misused funds. It is felt that he may possibly be an "enemy agent". This friction has not broken out into the open as yet, but it does exist.

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COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S\*

The supporters of the Right wing viewpoint constitute an important problem for the leadership of the Communist Party - USA at the present moment. The leadership is not worried so much about those who have resigned. It is also not too much worried about any new organization which might be formed by the supporters of the Right wing who have resigned from the Party. It was pointed out that not one Communist Party member came to the leadership and said that they had received an invitation to attend the conference of the Right wing, that they had broken with the Right wing and were willing to attend the conference in order to report the results of the Right wing conference to the National Office of the Communist Party - USA.

It also appears that there are currently all kinds of suspicions in the national leadership. Everyone seems to be afraid of what the other person is doing. It can be predicted that the Party will tighten up on security measures. On several occasions, DENNIS has made remarks that people are making too many notes at meetings. He said that the leadership will occasionally glance at the notes being taken to see if a pertinent detail, which might be of assistance to the FBI, appears in the notes. Efforts will be made to ferret out "enemy agents" and remove them from the Party. Known supporters of the ultra-Left or Right wing will be removed from Party jobs, including jobs in book stores, printing offices, etc.

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1cc WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE  
1cc [REDACTED], ASSISTANT TO ROBERT THOMPSON  
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On 9/26/58, [ ] a member of the CP at Baltimore, Maryland, received instructions from GEORGE MEYERS, Acting Chairman of the CP of Maryland - D. C., to attend an important Party meeting to be held at New York City on Saturday, 9/27/58. On 9/27/58, informant attended the meeting, which was a CP youth conference and was held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 E. 41st Street, New York City, from 10:00 AM to 5:15 PM.

Set forth below is a verbatim account of informant's report on the meeting. The documentation for this information is as follows:

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[ ]	9/27/58	10/1/58	DONALD L. MILLER (Written)	[ ]

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[ ] may be characterized as having furnished reliable  
information in the past.

"Baltimore, Maryland  
September 28, 1958

"On Saturday, September 27, 1958, there was a Communist Party Youth Conference held at 405 E. 41st St. at the Yugoslav Hall in New York City. The conference began between 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. It had representatives from Baltimore, [ ] from Philadelphia, [ ] (a 5'8" brunette, about [ ] years old, from [ ] who chaired the conference), her husband, [ ] (a 5'10" - 6' blond fellow who wore glasses and appeared to be average build, about [ ] years old, weight 170-180 lbs.), [ ] (a short, 5'5" - 5'7", fellow, stocky build, 175-180 lbs., about [ ] years old, black hair and eyes), [ ] (a young girl, [ ] years old, of apparent Jewish extraction like [ ] black hair and eyes. 5'1" - 5'3" tall and weighing 98-105 lbs.), [ ] who said very little but

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gave his address and telephone number as [redacted], and another fellow, student from [redacted] (he was about 5'8" - 5'10" tall, slim build, about 150-160 lbs., light brown hair and very quiet; he and [redacted] seemed quite friendly towards one another); from New Jersey one delegate who neither gave his name or city of representation; and a group of New Yorkers to bring the total number to 21 people in all. The New York group included [redacted] (young fellow, [redacted] years, 5'9" - 5'11" tall, blond crew cut hair, slim build, weight 160-170 lbs.), his buddy, [redacted] (also young blond fellow, [redacted] years, 5'7" - 5'9" tall, long hair, slender, weight 145-155 lbs.), [redacted] from the Bronx (a tall, medium built fellow, 6' - 6'2", about 175-180 lbs., [redacted] years old, black hair and eyes, and wearing a wedding band), [redacted] a [redacted] (short, stocky fellow, 5'4" - 5'6" tall, stocky build, about the mid-section especially, black short hair, eyeglasses, appears to be of foreign descent), and others whose names were not given or spoken.

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"The agenda was made and agreed upon by the body. Its items were:

- I. Area reports from representative groups
- II. The integration march of youth in Washington
- III. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna
- IV. Existence and status of Communist Party youth clubs
- V. The future and proposals for development of the youth within the Party organization

"Lunch was scheduled between items III and IV.

"The area report of New Jersey was given by its delegate. He said that the CP youth in New Jersey as far as he knew were relatively inactive. However, there is promise of increased activity. He further stated that this couldn't be considered as a report of New Jersey as a whole but only the city from which he came. Baltimore's delegates gave a similar report; however, they expanded it by telling of their activities with labor union locals, Communist Party adults, Baltimore's Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and other progressive groups, such as the Baltimore Socialist Study Group. The Philadelphia report was one of a similar nature. There are numerous CP youth in Philadelphia,

but they work primarily with other progressive groups, and they are still greatly affected by the recent Communist Party split. However, there is positive response to the appeals and efforts of the CP youth leaders. New York gave a most encouraging report. The city is composed of Party youth clubs, as far as the Communist Party is concerned. These clubs have a Youth Commission, which is composed of delegates from each Party club. The Manhattan club is 20 strong, according to [redacted] its delegate. There is in preparation a CP youth club on Staten Island. Composed of CP members' children and other left wing youth, the club has an estimated number of 15-20. As in Philadelphia, the colleges provide a large number of recruits and members. Brooklyn College's representative, [redacted] said that Brooklyn's club was in its first stages, but it is improving and expects to have about 12-15 members very soon.

"The proposed integration march into Washington, D. C., by youth on October 25, 1958, was discussed by the body. Delegates were urged to support the march by contacting organizations in their respective locals, helping organize bus trips or autocades into Washington. Contributions will also be accepted. All of the areas seemed to agree that they could enlist support in some way.

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"There will be a Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria, during the last of July, 1959. This was a topic of great importance to the conference, because an early start is necessary for its success. [redacted] explained that the Festival expenses would be \$2.00 registration, \$6.00 per day for the six days, transportation and other incidentals. A quota of 400 delegates from the United States is set up; however, an unlimited number of observers will be permitted. A Youth Festival Commission will be set up in New York October 4, 1958, to handle arrangements for prospective delegates and observers; arrangements which have to be made early in advance. For further information and for written material on the Festival for any group or organization in the country, an address was given -- [redacted] New York City.

"Upon completion of the discussion on the Youth Festival [redacted] said trade unions, Y.M.'s and Y.W.'s, American Friends Association, NAACP and other such groups will be



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contacted about sending delegates and/or observers), [ ] and [ ] raised the question of world peace and began a criticism of the United States' action in the Quemoy-Matsu area. They said that they felt that the conference should begin some type of protest against this type of thing. For this reason they made an offer to supply petitions and leaflets to the areas for distribution and circulation. This offer and the idea of the areas circulating their own petitions and leaflets were discussed. The conference finally decided by vote that each area was capable of doing the circulating of petitions and leaflets on its own, and that the conference was not the proper time to discuss such a broad issue because no immediate and profitable solution could be achieved. The group broke up for lunch at 1:20 p.m. to resume the conference an hour later, after which the general question of world peace was discussed for 20 minutes.

"The next topic for discussion was a relatively broad one that included ideas by the entire group. This topic was the status and existence of present Party groups. On a whole it was discovered that this topic was constantly mixed with the next one to be discussed, 'The future and proposals for development of youth within the Party.' Delegates from the different areas presented ideas and problems that confronted them in their particular areas and these ideas and problems were discussed and debated upon informally by the body. There was constant mention of forming another Young Communist League by members of the conference. BOB THOMPSON, Secretary (or Chairman) of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, who was present throughout the meeting, said that the 300-400 Communist youth in the United States could best be trained for a role within the Party by classes and discussions in Marxist-Leninist doctrines and theories. He said that the youth would be given a page in the 'Sunday Worker,' and later their own publication. He stressed the need for a national organization of the youth clubs within the Party, and suggested that the New York groups, through the Youth Commission, write a paper on the make-up, characteristics, functions and role of the Communist Party youth.

"On the last item it was decided that a review and proposals be made from the day's work. The proposals were:

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- A. A page for youth in the 'Sunday Worker,' dealing with the ideological and theoretical aspects of Marxist-Leninist teachings.
- B. An associated bulletin to circulate among different areas to inform each other and create a more interesting change of ideas and problems.
- C. A representative body for research in issues of youth to help guarantee more discussion.
- D. More theoretical work in youth groups to insure stronger Marxist-Leninist ties.
- E. A policy statement on creation and development of Party youth groups and inter-group relations.
- F. Building Party youth clubs and expanding those in existence.

"Arrangements were made for another conference in New York. Saturday, November 30, 1958, was set as a tentative date. Before this date, however, Western and Mid-Western conferences will be held and the results sent to New York. Suggestions were made that individual groups work to insure the November conference being successful by bringing in better reports than those of the day. Other areas (possibly Boston and Connecticut) in addition to the four present at the conference are supposed to be at the November conference. A national youth Party convention will be held around Christmas or early 1959. The conference ended at 5:15 p.m., and was considered by all to be a success.

"Also present throughout the meeting was a man (white, male, about 40 years old, 5'7" - 5'8" tall, brown hair with grey streaks, weight 190-200 lbs., build heavy, complexion ruddy, eyeglasses, seemed bored near end of meeting) whose function seemed to be to assist BOB THOMPSON and act as doorman receiving credentials and letters of introduction. At approximately 1 p.m., a young white male entered the meeting room and sat at the discussion table. One of the New York delegates said that there was an uninvited person in the room and asked the Chairman to make sure that he left. This above described assistant escorted him out

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and during the lunch hour break as the delegates were leaving, they were seen talking in the next room."

New York, Philadelphia and Newark are requested to furnish photographs to Baltimore, if available, where necessary to establish positive identification.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS (7-5)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
IS - C

DATE: 10/28/58

Rerep SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 10/20/58, New York.

Rerep consists of 20 sections, each of which sets out investigation conducted in an area of activity of the CP, USA, on which an investigative file is maintained and identified by the copy of this memorandum designated for it. One copy of rerep has been broken down by section in order that each such file may contain pertinent material as set out in that report. Each such section is accompanied by other pertinent portions of report, as well as a copy of the letter, dated 10/20/58, to the Director, transmitting the report and a copy of a letterhead memorandum, dated 10/20/58, setting out the reliability of the informants utilized.

- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP, USA-Organization) (7-5)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-74560) (CP, USA-Funds) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-81338) (CP, USA-Security Measures) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-87211) (CP, USA-Factionalism) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-88123) (CP, USA-United Nations) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-87212) (CP, USA-Colonial Matters) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-79717) (CP, USA-Political Activities) (7-5)
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- 1 - New York (100-80644) (CP, USA-Youth Matters) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80634) (CP, USA-Farmers Matters) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-54651) (CP, USA-National Groups) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80864) (CP, USA-Religion) (7-5)
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- 1 - New York (100-80633) (CP, USA-Education) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-133902) (CP, USA-Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (7-1)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 10/13/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT : CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS  
INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY  
PLACED INFORMANT.

On 10/1/58, NY 2362-S\* advised that on the above date EUGENE DENNIS had a discussion in his office, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC, with an individual believed by informant to be GEORGE MORRIS.

According to the informant, the conversation pertained to general Communist Party activities.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
- (1-Bu-100- ) (GEORGE MORRIS)
- 1 - Boston (Info) (RM) (RM)
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- 1 - New Haven (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Newark (RM)
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- 1 - Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (Info) (RM)
- ⑥ - New York (100-80641)
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- (1-NY-100-13243) (CP, USA - NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIAL  
DIVISION) (7-6)
- (1-NY-100-13203) (GEORGE MORRIS) (12-14)
- (1-NY-100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- (1-NY-100-80644) (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS) (7-5)

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*100-128817 (CP USA - NY - Membership)*  
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DENNIS reviewed the recent NEC meeting (September 19 through 21, 1958), which he described as "very fruitful." DENNIS stated that SID (STEIN) had submitted his resignation, there is a rebuilding (of the CP) in Pittsburgh, and a reorganizing in Philadelphia. DENNIS also stated that in New Jersey, MARTHA (STONE) had resigned as chairman. He said they (New Jersey) had reorganized three shop clubs and three county committees, which DENNIS commented, had been inactive since 1956. Continuing, the informant advised that DENNIS also remarked that the Party is "coming alive" in Boston, and since [redacted] resigned, there are signs of reorganizing in Connecticut. DENNIS said that one of the biggest problems has been to "weld together" a large majority in the National Committee. He said that the "California 26" are split a dozen different ways, and the "Right" has been decisively defeated.

DENNIS expressed the opinion that they are not on the eve of mass resignations because of left and right groups. He said New York registered over 2600, with the single largest group being "Industry." The informant advised that DENNIS then used the blackboard and said that this (figure?) was the total registration. This information was not available to the informant.

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The informant advised that the individual believed to be [redacted] then told DENNIS that he hated to be always raising the question of finances, but that he needed some money. [redacted] also advised DENNIS that he had received a letter from the "Foreign Editor" requesting some information on the opinion of Labor concerning the foreign situation. DENNIS, in answering, said to give "them" a "roundup" of the material the Party has issued in terms of elections and so forth.

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The informant advised that at this point ROBERT ~~TOMPSON~~ entered the discussion and said that "Youth" may end up to be 400 strong, and DENNIS added that 200 may be in New York, and that they should not "dampen their spirit . . . . ."

The informant advised that in concluding the discussion, DENNIS told [ ] that he [ ] would be in many places and that the biggest things are: working standards, social security standards, and cultural standards.

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DENNIS also stated that trade unions and social democracy are other points. (It is believed that the foregoing is a reference to [ ] pending trip abroad.

[ ] on leaving, commented that he could bring back material for specific articles.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-3500)

DATE: 10/20/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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Received From: [REDACTED]

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Method of Delivery: In person - Written by informant

Date of Report: 9/27/58

Date of Activity: 9/27/58

Brief Description: CP Section Committee meeting, Wheeling,  
West Virginia. Discuss Right to Work  
Law - Party dissention.

Location: [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-8481(POLITICAL ACTIVITY)  
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(MEMBERSHIP)  
(FACTIONALISM)

2 - PITTSBURGH (RM)

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1 - CHICAGO (RM)

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4 - CLEVELAND (RM)

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"Sept 27, 1958 9:00 PM

Wheeling Island W. Va  
Communist Party Meeting

The meeting started at 9 PM [redacted] came in about 9:20 PM those present were [redacted]

[redacted] The Right to work law coming up for vote was discussed but since the committee was to meet Monday there was not too much. Everyone was urged to attend the union meetings and take part in any or all activity concerning the campaign against the bill. [redacted] got out a Sept 21st issue and all took turns reading an article on page four and discussing it. A Party Affairs was read articles discussing the New York head committees views and the delegates remarks Pro and Conn - on the report by Dennis and Thompson, during the reading and review [redacted] stated that she was told by [redacted] that the membership in New York was down from 50,000 to 1,000. This was questioned by [redacted] stated she asked twice to make sure. [redacted] was mentioned several times as stated later on. On Page four the article read and discussed was Trends and Oppertuniteys in the elections. Then the summary of discussion on Dennis and Thompson report were read and discussed. [redacted] asked why so much was said and discussed about Hungry Yugoslavia and DeGaul and very little about our Country and why the party was splitting up. He said that it seemed that the national committee was trying to shove some thing down the members' throats and thats why most of the people were leaving. This was discussed and it was agreed that there were to many intuectuals in the national committee and [redacted] stated she did not care for Hy Lumer and that most Top figures were above the average Commerads. [redacted] stated that Kirchmirek was spending most of the time at Steubenville and very little with our group. She also stated Kirchmirek was not telling us the whole story and only that what he figured what we should know. Also that [redacted] had told her things opposite of what Kirchmirek said also after reading the summary of the reports that both said. [redacted] left the party to start a movement of there own in Chicago but the report conterdicted both she could not explain this. She told of her service to the party and her contributions and did not understand why she and us were so treated.

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She acted real hurt over this topic. [ ] asked about [ ] of the Cleveland Section and [ ] said that he was being throwed out of the Party on account he was starting a group by itself. Also the fellow called [ ] said he couldnt understand why Kirchmirek was spending most of the time in Steubenville be cause he figured most of Steubenville group were Trotskyites. He said he didn't understand what a Trotskyite was anyway. [ ] stated to [ ] that he wasn't to sure of reciving the paper thru the mail on account of he figured if any thing happened and it would be impossible to carry on the Party. [ ] agreed [ ] stated since her views were known that her role in public affairs was limited, but she argued that anyone was free to read what ever they choose. Also it was brought out it was almost impossible to sell sub's to the worker with out being connected to the paper. Gene stated she didn't want to handle the paper any more and that we would have to decide for ourselves. Due's or paper subs were not brought up nothing financil either. No date for a meeting was also discussed The meeting broke up about 11:30 PM.

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Remarks'

[ ] remarked at the next Ohio Committee meeting that when we went up we would find out the scare.

Everyone was to work thier best to talk and pass out pamphlet on the right to work issue They were given out by [ ]

Everyone was urged to attent thier Union meeting exspecially [ ]

Schooling was mentioned [ ] said she tried for years for some one to come down and hold classes but they always have excusses. Steve Nelson was mention he may be on outs on account of views?

[ ] went back to Philidelphia on account of work -- still in Party.

All members seemed sort of disgusted with National Committee seemed a fight for power of Party.

[ ] took no part of discussion seemed disgusted with group not as friendly as before."

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/20/58	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/1 - 10/16/58
TITLE OF CASE  COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS vmk	TYPED BY
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SYNOPSIS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - 7/1 - 9/30/58

ORGANIZATION National Office, CP, USA, located 23 West 26th Street, NYC, in building shared with New York CP. and "The Worker". EUGENE DENNIS, at leadership meeting, 7/2/58, declared National Committee Meeting, 6/28 and 29/58, had shown majority of Committee has firm position on line of 16th National Convention as interpreted by NC at its February, 1958 meeting. DENNIS, at meeting of full National Executive Committee, 9/19-21/58, described US action in China as reckless and hopeless, and listed CP objectives as: admission of China to UN, trade with it, and use of labor movement to show value of such trade to business and labor, and committee on American-Chinese Friendship. JAMES E. JACKSON, at same

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meeting, reported that slogan of right of self-determination in "black belt" not needed now nor for sometime. ROBERT THOMPSON, on 9/2/58, stated general belief is next CP convention should be held May or June, 1959.

MEMBERSHIP National Education Department, in memorandum: "On the 39th Anniversary of the CP USA" saw occasion as opportunity for districts as starting point in three month campaign, with objective, among others, of increasing tempo of registration and establishing clubs in all areas.

FUNDS Income of CP USA, 1/1-8/3/58, \$89,647.64, with expenditures \$87,451.78. Assets, as of 8/31/58, \$9,098.36, and liabilities \$9,302.36. Proposed budget for Southern and Negro Affairs, 10/1/58, to 10/1/59, \$20,300.00, in expenses, and \$21,000.00 in income.

SECURITY MEASURES ROBERT THOMPSON, on 8/19/58, stated CP USA has no security organization, and he was interested in suggestions for such organization.

FACTIONALISM ROBERT THOMPSON, at National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting, 9/21/58, said there has emerged growing majority leadership around national policy, and same

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is true of some districts - that question of whether there will be a CP has been decisively resolved, charge that CP is revisionist is not real, and Ultra-Left grouping has reached "a dead end street".

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS      EUGENE DENNIS, on 7/16/58, wrote all districts urging all possible steps to develop mass protests against American action in Lebanon. "The Worker", 9/14/58, reported CP telegram to President, urging withdrawal of US Navy from China waters, and called for negotiations looking toward diplomatic relations with Red China, and its admission to UN. "The Worker", 9/28/58, reported receipt of letter from USSR, on 39th Anniversary of CP USA, which asserted CP was true to ideas of Marxism - Leninism. China CP, in similar greetings, said CP USA had cleared out revisionist elements, and had safeguarded Marxism - Leninism.

UNITED NATIONS      "The Worker", 7/27/58, reported BEN DAVIS led picket line before US Mission to UN, protesting US action in middle - East. NEC meeting 8/19/58, heard WILLIAM L. PATTERSON propose CP prepare petition to UN, calling attention to plight of Negro in South.

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COLONIAL MATTERS BEN DAVID,  
on 7/1/58, expressed feeling CP has  
not had a good idea of its vanguard  
role in colonial liberation  
movement, that colonial movement  
started in Africa, but will move  
to this continent, and will have  
application to CP USA.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARNOLD JOHNSON,  
at NEC meeting, 9/19-21/58, analyzed  
results of US elections, and described  
United Socialist ticket as attempt  
to substitute for CP, and said it  
must be smashed. He urged slogans for  
1960 elections be developed around  
economics and peace. EUGENE DENNIS  
urged slogan "Oust the Dixiecrats",  
and BEN DAVIS said Communists must  
think ahead so that labor can free  
self of two party machines.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES ARNOLD JOHNSON  
appeared before Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee, 7/17/58, as representative  
of CP USA to oppose pending bill to  
regulate issuance of passports, claiming  
bill aimed against all who advocate  
peace and disagree with the Secretary  
of State.

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES ELIZABETH  
GURLEY FLYNN, in 8/15/58 letter to NC  
members, and all districts, urged work  
to speed release of HENRY WINSTON, and  
GIL GREEN, by parole, and amnesty.

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ARNOLD JOHNSON in similarly addressed letter, 9/17/58, proposed district projects of visiting selected people to get them to write to U.S. Parole Board on behalf of WINSTON and GREEN.

STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY Railroad Conference held Chicago, Illinois, 9/6/58, mid-Western and Eastern states being represented. Industry program proposed to include advocating nationalization of railroads, 30 hour week, united negotiations for all employees, and jobs for Negroes, to be implemented through state committees and National Committee. CARL WINTER, at NEC meeting, 9/19-21/58, reported on auto industry, and proposals were accepted to explain inadequate gains as result of class collaboration of UAW leadership and its failure to mobilize rank and file, to recognize failure of CP to coordinate its work in UAW and auto shops, to take up proposals on methods of CP work inside trade unions, and for a magazine expressing views of trade union rank and file.

NEGRO QUESTION Press release by NEC and JAMES JACKSON contained call to action in connection with school desegregation, "all appropriate means" being urged to secure rights of Negroes. Memorandum of JAMES JACKSON

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"New Features of the Negro Question in the United States", distributed at NEC meeting, 9/19-21/58, stated:  
"The Negroes in the US are not constituted as a separate nation", but rather "have the characteristics of a racially distinctive people, or nationality, who are a historically determined component part of the American nation -----". JACKSON also pointed out that CP should organize the unorganized Southern workers of factory and farm, and strengthen activity of left forces in trade unions.  
YOUTH MATTERS EARL DURHAM, in September, 1958 "Party Affairs" wrote "On the Problems of Youth", stating long range outlook must include establishment of Marxist - Leninist youth organization.

While foundation now is premature, steps toward it should be taken in each district. ROBERT THOMPSON, on 9/2/58, stated CP wants Marxist - Leninist youth groups started, but will not set pattern for it. THOMPSON, at Eastern Seaboard Regional Youth Conference, on 9/27/58, stressed need for national organization of youth clubs in CP. Another such conference to be held in NYC, 11/24/58, following Western and Midwestern conferences.



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FARMERS MATTERS "A People's Program for Jobs and Security", issued by National Committee, urges enactment of legislation to ease lot of farm laborers, especially migrants, to provide benefits available to other workers. Sub-Committee for preparation of farm section of CP program met 9/17/58, agreeing on preparation of three articles on position of American farmer.

NATIONAL GROUPS VICTOR J. JEROME, at NEC meetin, 9/9/58, reported on "Jewish Question", making recommendations that CP work be strengthened/unions to which "Jewish" workers belong, that CP work for cooperation between Israel and Arab states. DENNIS suggested "Jewish" question in USSR be handled by CP with great care.

RELIGION Meeting of Educational Committee, People's Improvement Association, on 7/13/58, decided to invite one of Islamic leaders who are making inroads among Harlem's population. Consensus was that while religion can be unifying force, this was not true in case of Negro, inasmuch as Islamic faith preaches male supremacy, brotherhood of believers, and hatred of non-believers.

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PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS "The Worker", as of 6/30/58, had assets of \$27,194.10, and liabilities of \$115,427.68. Operating expenses were \$88,644.78. Operating income, donations of \$57,217.08, and income from affairs provided net gain of \$3,099.71 for first six months of 1958. Subscriptions as of September, 1958, said to be 14,000.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON disclosed 3,000 subs from Russia averted worse financial condition. CP USA urged by Canadian Communists to increase US circulation of "World Marxist Review", advertised in October 5, 1958 "The Worker" as "Theoretical and information journal of Communist and Workers' parties", obtainable in Canadian edition.

EDUCATION Memorandum of National Education Department, on 39th anniversary of CP USA, calls upon districts to promote study of Party history and lives and work of party leaders; revival of study of Marxist theory, and use of Marxist classics, organization of classes and schools on expanding scale, and building circulation of "The Worker", and "Political Affairs".

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SYNOPSIS CONT'D

At Education Committee meeting,  
9/9/58, HY LUMER said task is to  
re-establish work on national  
scale and classes were few.

ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE  
MASS ORGANIZATIONS

Memorandum of JAMES E. JACKSON, on  
Negro Question, submitted at NEC  
meeting 9/19-21/58, states that  
through NAACP almost all organized  
groups in Negro life may be  
rallied to struggle for Negro  
rights. Proposed budget of CP  
USA Southern region work lists  
\$2,000 for work connected with  
"NAACP; et al."

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This section has been prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

T-1 on September 2, 1958, has furnished a copy of a mimeographed memorandum prepared by the National Education Department, CP, USA, "On the 39th Anniversary of the CP, USA." A notation appeared thereon that it was to be published in the September, 1958 issue of "Political Affairs."

This memorandum is pointing out the occasion of the 39th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party in the United States, asserted that the Party is now emerging from a severe crisis, has reestablished its Marxist-Leninist bearings, and has begun a process of rebuilding and consolidation of its ranks.

The anniversary was seen as an opportunity for stepping up and advancing the strengthening of the Party, and the districts were called upon to use it as a starting point in a three month campaign, with an objective, among others, of increasing the tempo of Party registration and the establishment of functioning clubs in all areas.

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## II. INDIVIDUALS

The following named individuals mentioned in this report, may be identified as follows:

### JOHN ABT

On March 22, 1954, [REDACTED] Massachusetts, in describing her past Communist Party activities in Washington, D.C. during the 1930's, identified JOHN ABT as an individual known to her as a CP member during that time.

The "Daily Worker", April 6, 1954, page 3, column 2, made mention of a forthcoming dinner in honor of the 50th birthday of JOHN ABT. The article stated in part that "ABT, noted civil liberties attorney, has been in the forefront of the progressive fight for over 20 years .... He is co-counsel representing the CP in the Mc Carran Act case".

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### WILLIAM ALBERTSON

T-16 advised on March 31, 1958, that it was announced at a New York County CP Committee meeting, held March 6, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected New York State CP Secretary.

[REDACTED]

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified CHARLENE MITCHELL ALEXANDER, as one of the twenty members at large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

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JAMES ALLEN

JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over twenty years, who, at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised in July, 1953, that JAMES ALLEN was formerly editor of the "Daily Worker" and head of the Control Commission of the CP, USA.

T-23 advised on February 13, 1957, that JAMES ALLEN attended the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, February 9-12, 1957, as a delegate from the Southern Region.



T-14 advised on May 12, 1953, that [redacted] who was former Chairman of the CP, in West Virginia, expected to be sent back to West Virginia to handle Party affairs there.

HERBERT APTHEKER

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States v. KUZMA, et al, (conspiracy to violate the Smith Act) which took place in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. APTHEKER testified that he was at that time a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939.

ERIC BERT

T-34 on February 24, 1958, furnished information that ERIC BERT was managing Editor of "The Worker".

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ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was convicted for violation of the Smith Act on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, New York.

[REDACTED]

T-44 has advised that [REDACTED] is assistant to ANTHONY KRCHMAREK is the Ohio District of the CP, USA.

CHARLES "BOB" COE

On July 30, 1957, T-5 advised that a meeting of the CP, USA, Farm Commission was held at CP, USA Headquarters on July 26, 1957, at which it was decided that the group present at this meeting would be considered the base of the CP, USA National Farm Commission. T-5 added that CHARLES "BOB" COE was in attendance at this meeting.

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[REDACTED]

On July 30, 1957, T-5 advised that a meeting of the CP, USA, Farm Commission was held at CP, USA Headquarters, in New York City, on July 26, 1957, at which it was decided that the group present at this meeting would be considered the base of the CP, USA, National Farm Commission. T-5 added that [REDACTED] was in attendance at this meeting.

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., as one of the twenty members- at-large of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed BENJAMIN DAVIS as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

DAVIS was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

EUGENE DENNIS

"The Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified EUGENE DENNIS as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker", July 13, 1957, page 14, column 5, listed EUGENE DENNIS as a member of the CP National Executive Committee and National Secretary.

DENNIS was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.



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JOSEPH DOUGHER

T-15 advised on August 14, 1958, that JOSEPH DOUGHER is a suspended member of the District Committee of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

EARL DURHAM

On April 16, 1958. T-6 advised that EARL DURHAM was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, as of April, 1958.

On February 25, 1958, T-36, advised that EARL DURHAM was in charge of Youth Work of the CP, as of February, 1958, but no youth program had been formulated up to that time.

FRED FINE

"The Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified FINE as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that FINE was elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA, and National Field Organizer.

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T-23 advised that FLYNN was elected a member of the National Committee at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

FLYNN was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that FOSTER was elected Chairman Emeritus of the CP, USA.

FOSTER was indicted in United States District Court, New York, on July 20, 1948, for violation of the Smith Act. He has not been tried because of his health.

BETTY GANNETT

BETTY GANNETT was convicted for violation of the Smith Act on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, New York.

SIMON W. GERSON

T-16, on April 2, 1957, advised that SIMON W. GERSON is a member of the National Committee from the New York District and a member of the New York State Committee.

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GILBERT GREEN

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified GILBERT GREEN as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

GREEN was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence.

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[REDACTED] On October 18, 1954, T-5 advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was a member of the CP, USA, Farm Commission.

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On January 1, 1955, T-4 advised that [REDACTED]  
was a CP member and in contact with leading Communists  
on CP financial matters.

HARRY HAYWOOD

T-13 advised on May 3, 1957, he had  
learned HARRY HAYWOOD was a leader in the Harlem Section  
of the CP.

"The Worker", August 17, 1958, page 5, described  
HAYWOOD as one of the leaders of "the ultra-left faction".

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JAMES E. JACKSON

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified JAMES E. JACKSON as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed JAMES JACKSON as a member of the CP National Executive Committee and Secretary for Negro and Southern Affairs.

VICTOR J. JEROME

JEROME was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

ARNOLD JOHNSON

"The Worker", July 13, 1953, listed ARNOLD JOHNSON as Legislative Secretary of the CP, USA.

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

T-23, on April 29, 1957, described KRCHMAREK as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, from the Ohio District of the CP, USA.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed KRCHMAREK as a member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] On August 21, 1957, T-23 advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] was as of that date, a member of the CP National  
Committee from Illinois.

AL LANNON

On July 29, 1958, T-30 advised that AL LANNON  
was the leader of the left wing forces of the CP in  
the San Francisco area.

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ALBERT JASON "MICKIE" LIMA

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5,  
listed LIMA as a member of the National Executive  
Committee of the CP, USA.

HYMAN LUMER

T-2 has advised on April 29, 1957, that HYMAN  
LUMER was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5,  
listed HY LUMER as a member of the CP National Executive  
Committee and Educational Director.

[redacted]  
On April 4, 1958, T-23 advised that EUGENE DENNIS  
in March, 1958, disclosed that [redacted] was an  
associate editor of "The Worker".

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JOSEPH NORTH

T-5 advised on October 26, 1955, that he had known JOSEPH NORTH for about 25 years as a CP members.

T-42 advised on April 5, 1957, that JOSEPH NORTH was at that time employed on the editorial staff of "The Worker".

PAUL NOVICK

On April 13, 1949, T-22 described PAUL NOVICK as being a CP member at that time and editor of the "Morning Freiheit".

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

"The Worker", January 26, 1958, page 4, column 3, described WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as its General Manager.

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On January 7, 1958, T-3 advised that [REDACTED] is employed as a stenographer at the CP, USA National office.

PETTIS PERRY

T-23 advised that PETTIS PERRY was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

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PETTIS PERRY was convicted on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act.

IRVING POTASH

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified IRVING POTASH as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

POTASH was convicted on October 14, 1949, in United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act. On completion of sentence, he voluntarily deported himself on March 4, 1955. He was arrested on January 4, 1957, for illegal entry into the United States and was convicted, receiving a two year sentence.

AL RICHMOND

"The Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified AL RICHMOND as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

PAUL ROBESON

In June, 1950, T-43, advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

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T-2 advised during February, 1957, that [redacted] attended the 16th National CP Convention held in NYC, February 9-12, 1957, as a delegate.

"The Worker", August 17, 1958, page 5, described ROMAN as one of the leaders of "the ultra-left faction".

JACK SHULMAN

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T-41 advised on October 14, 1958, that JACK SHULMAN was employed by the CP, USA as chauffeur-secretary to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

[redacted]

T-3 advised on September 20, 1957, that [redacted] [redacted] was a clerical employee of the CP, USA National office.

JACK STACHEL

T-23 advised that JACK STACHEL was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed JACK STACHEL as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.



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STACHEL was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

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[REDACTED] On September 20, 1957, T-3 described [REDACTED] as the superintendent of the building occupied by the CP at [REDACTED] New York City.

ROBERT THOMPSON

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed BOB THOMPSON as a member of the CP National Executive Committee and Executive Secretary.

T-2 has advised that ROBERT THOMPSON was elected a member of the National Committee, of the CP, USA, at its meeting on July 27 and 28, 1957.

THOMPSON was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

PAT TOOHEY

On September 24, 1958, T-5 advised that PAT TOOHEY is the Chairman of the New Jersey State CP.

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[REDACTED] On July 11, 1958, T-19 advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the Chairman of the Flynn Section, Illinois  
District, CP, USA.

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG

T-23 advised in September, 1958, that ALEXANDER  
TRACHTENBERG is a charter member of the CP, USA.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE

T-4 advised on May 27, 1957, that WILLIAM  
WEINSTONE was the New York State CP Education Director.

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T-2 advised in February, 1958, that WILLIAM  
WEINSTONE attended the CP National Committee meeting on  
February 15-16, 1957, as a member of the Committee  
from the New York District.

WEINSTONE was convicted in the United States  
District Court, New York, on January 21, 1953, for  
violation of the Smith Act.

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T-40, in February, 1958, identified [REDACTED]  
as a member of the Illinois State CP Committee.

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HENRY WINSTON

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified HENRY WINSTON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

WINSTON was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence.

CARL WINTER

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified CARL WINTER as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at the 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 5, listed CARL WINTER as a member of the CP National Executive Committee.

WINTER was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

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III. GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"The Comet"

This is described as a monthly bulletin, issued by the Queens County (New York) Communist Party Committee, in the September, 1958, issue of "Party Affairs".

"Daily Worker"

An East coast daily Communist newspaper, publication of which ceased on January 13, 1958.

Families of the Smith Act Victims

The Families of the Smith Act Victims has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Imported Publications and Products

JOHN LAUTNER, A CP functionary for over 20 years and at the time of his expulsion in January, 1950, Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, in April, 1951, advised that Imported Publications and Products was formed by the CPUSA for the purpose of procuring foreign publications for sale in the United States. According to LAUTNER, [redacted] of the organization, has been a member of the CP for many years and has actively worked for the CP.

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Imported Publications & Products, presently located at 4 West 16th St., New York City, registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice on June 14, 1951 and received Registration number 676.

"The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard"

"The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard", September, 1958, page 3, column 5 states it is "Published by Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party."

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"Moving Forward"

This is described as a monthly bulletin issued by the CP of Missouri, in the September, 1958 issue of "Party Affairs".

"Morning Freiheit"

The "Daily Worker" 12/9/48 editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish Language Communist newspaper.

"Party Affairs"

The caption under its masthead reflects that "Party Affairs" is the publication of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

"Party Voice"

This is described as a publication of the New York State CP Committee in the September, 1958 issue of "Party Affairs".

People's Improvement Association (PIA)

On December 3 and 16, 1957, T-39 advised that a meeting of Communist Party members, arranged by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., member of the National Committee, CP, USA, was held on December 1, 1957, at which a proposal was made and approved that a broad mass organization be formed under the name of the People's Improvement Association (PIA). According to DAVIS, the PIA had his wholehearted support as well as the support of the Communist Party.

The informant advised on December 16, 1957, that the core of the PIA was to be comprised of Communist Party members who will be the administrators of the organization.

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Non party members will be brought into the PIA through a program centering around tenants' work in the Harlem area of New York City and social equality for minority groups, such as Negroes and Puerto Ricans. The main objective in setting up this organization was to bring new members into the Communist Party through a systematic indoctrination whereby people will be impressed by the benefits of socialism as compared to capitalism.

On January 6, 1958, the informant made available a leaflet of the PIA, which reflected that the location of the PIA office is at 103 West 110th Street, New York City.

"Political Affairs"

Cited as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ". "Political Affairs, formerly known as the Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is EUGENE DENNIS, executive secretary of the party."

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1920, May 11, 1948, pp 5 and 36; also cited in Report No. 209, April 1, 1947, p. 25).

Provisional Committee to the Reconstitute the CP, USA

"The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard", September, 1958, page 1, column 4 contains an article captioned: "Communist Conference, Marxist-Leninist Caucus, Maps New Party". In this article it is stated that a Communist Conference was held in New York City on August 16, 17, 1958 to guarantee the survival of Marxism-Leninism in the USA. In this paper, under the caption: "A Declaration", page 2, column 2, it is stated:

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"Therefore, we of the Marxist-Leninist caucus of the old Party, having met in a national conference on August 16,17, 1958, have constituted ourselves as a Provisional Committee for the Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party."

Continuing, in the above article it is stated, "...we are confident that we represent in an organized form the revolutionary internationalist Marxist-Leninist traditions of those American workers who established the CP, USA 39 years ago.

On September 4, 1958, T-17 advised that at a meeting in New York City on September 1, 1958 it was mentioned that the Provisional Committee was looking for a place to set up national headquarters. At this meeting there was also discussion as to how the organization's name would be set forth on the literature. It was finally decided that "The Provisional Committee to Reconstitute" would appear in small letters while "Communist Party, USA" would appear in bold type.

"Searchlight"

This is described as a paper issued by the Erie County (Buffalo New York) CP, in the September, 1958 issue of "Party Affairs".

"Southern California Party Forum"

This is described as a four-page tabloid issued by the Southern California District CP in the September, 1958 issue of "Party Affairs".

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"The Worker"

An East coast weekly Communist newspaper.

"World Marxist Review"

"The Worker", 10/5/58, page 9, describes this as "the theoretical and information journal of Communist and Worker's parties!".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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October 20, 1958  
New York, New York

Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All informants mentioned in the report of  
Special Agent Joseph V. Waters, dated at New York, October 20,  
1958, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be dis-  
tributed outside the agency to which loaned.

*J. V. Waters*

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY  
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DATE: 10/20/58

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of the report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 10/20/58, at NY. Copies of this report have been designated for all offices in accordance with specific Bureau instructions. Also enclosed are seven copies for the Bureau, and one copy for each office, of a memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth the reliability of these informants.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS,  
dated 7/22/58, NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No information was developed during the period of this report, July 1, 1958 to September 30, 1958, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

Underground Operations  
Women's Matters  
Cultural Activities  
Veteran's Matters

- 2 - Bureau (100-3) (Encls. 14) (RM)
- 1 - All Offices (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 4 - New York (100-4931)

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This report is classified "Confidential" because if contains information from sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to national security, in that coverage of activities of the CP, USA would be impaired. Examples of such sources are: T-2, T-4, T-5, T-7, T-23, and T-33.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA for the quarterly period October 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958.

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INFORMANTS

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Press release, dated  
9/9/58, by JAMES E. JACKSON.

Statement of National  
Education Dept. on 39th  
Anniversary of CP, USA.

Statement prepared by  
ARNOLD JOHNSON regarding  
passport legislation.

Letter from CP of Czechoslovakia  
to CP, USA April 1958. Letter  
from THOMPSON to all fraternal  
parties, 8/22/58.

Letter 8/22/58, to members of NEC.

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CG 5824-S\* Ultra-Left conference, 8/16,17/58.

Meeting at Chicago CP office,  
9/2/58.

Resident NEC meeting, 8/19/58.

Letter from ARNOLD JOHNSON,  
dated 7/31/58, addressed:  
"To All Districts".

Document entitled: "New  
Offensive Against People's  
Rights".

NEC meeting 9/19 to 21/58.

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CG 5824-S\* Establishment of a coordinating committee during meeting of CP railroad conference.

Leaflet entitled: "A People's Program for Jobs and Security".

Members NEC requested to review "New Features of the Negro Question in the US".

Travel plans of JEROME, NOVICK, TRACHTENBERG, JACKSON, FLYNN, ABT and [REDACTED]

Letter from CP of Mexico to CP, USA, dated 8/25/58.

3000 subscriptions to "The Worker" sent to Russia each week according to Wm. PATTERSON.

"World Marxist Review" to be distributed through Imported Publications and Products, Inc.

Documentation: HYMAN LUMER, [REDACTED] WILLIAM WEINSTONE, ROBERT THOMPSON

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[REDACTED] Letters of JAMES ALLEN, dated 7/7/58, and 7/10/58, and 7/22/58, and 7/31/58.

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Document entitled:  
"New Features of Negro  
Question in the United  
States".

ARNOLD JOHNSON letter to all  
districts, 7/31/58.

Documentation: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Letter of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN,  
dated 7/13/58. List of Program  
Questions.

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Ultra-Left conference, NYC,  
8/16,17/58.

Proposed budget of Southern  
Region, CP, USA, for 10/1/58  
to 10/1/59.

Report of JACK STACHEL to CP,  
NEC meeting 9/19-21/58, re:  
"The Worker".

CP, USA, urged by Canadian CP  
to increase USA distribution  
of "World Marxist Review".

CP plans to send V.J. JEROME  
to Canada for Jewish discussion.

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ROBERT THOMPSON's comments,  
8/11/58, re Middle East.

Documentation: [redacted]  
[redacted] WILLIAM  
WEINSTONE

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[redacted] Meeting of sub-committee for  
the preparation of the Farm  
Section of the CP, USA Pro-  
gram, 9/17/58.

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Meeting of Program Committee,  
7/29/58.

Documentation: CHARLES "BOB"  
COE, JOSEPH NORTH, [redacted]  
[redacted] PAT TOOHEY.

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[redacted] Documentation: EARL DURHAM

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NY 2010-S\* Statement of HY LUMER noting  
meeting of Education Committee  
on 9/9/58.

EUGENE DENNIS statement, 7/17/58,  
re importance of Middle East.

Location of CP, USA, at 23 W.26th  
St., NYC.

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T-8 NY 2359-S*	Meeting of Education Committee on 9/9/58.  Meeting of NEC on 8/19/58.  Meeting of NEC, 9/9/58, re Jewish Question.  Meeting of NEC, 9/19 to 21/58.			
T-9 NY 2002-S*	Occupancy of 23 W. 26th St., NYC, by CP, USA, NY State CP and "The Worker".  Memo of Education Committee on discussion of CP policy in struggle for Negro rights.  Data re CP, USA, National Office Wage and Welfare Payments.  Letter from EUGENE DENNIS and ROBERT THOMPSON to CP of Uruguay, 8/4/58.  Data re proposed budget for Southern and Negro Affairs Dept. of CP, USA.  Letter from CP of Colombia to CP, USA, 9/8/58.  Throwaway: "An Appeal to Youth".			



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T-10 CS SF 2276-S*	Letter from ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, on behalf of NC to all CP Districts, 8/15/58.  Letter from ARNOLD JOHNSON, dated 9/17/58, addressed to "All Districts and to All National Committee Members".			
T-11 [redacted]	Information re meeting attended by ROBERT THOMPSON in Chicago, 9/3/58, to discuss parole for HENRY WINSTON and GIL GREEN.			
T-12 [redacted]	CP, USA, National Office financial status as of 8/31/58.			
T-13 [redacted]	Documentation: HENRY HAYWOOD			
T-14 [redacted]	Documentation: [redacted]			
T-15 PH 83-S*	Documentation: JOSEPH DOUGHER			
T-16 [redacted]	Documentation: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, SIMON W. GERSON			
T-17 [redacted]	Documentation: Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP, USA.			

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Meeting of Waterfront  
Section of Provisional  
Committee to Reconstitute  
the CP, USA, 9/15/58.

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[REDACTED]

CP Regional Steel Commission  
meeting in late September 1958.

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CP railroad conference in  
Chicago, 9/6/58.

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ROBERT THOMPSON met with ILL.,  
CP, on 9/3/58, re CP policy  
in industrial matters.

Illinois and Michigan offices  
of "The Worker" joined in publishing  
3000 copies of a special "Newsletter".

Documentation: [REDACTED]

Security measures for CP railroad  
conference to be held Chicago, Ill.,  
7/19/58.

CP railroad conference to be held  
Chicago, Ill., 7/19/58, was "called  
off".

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NY 2362-S\* Meeting of CP, 9/30/58.

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NAACP National Convention,  
Cleveland, Ohio, 7/8-13/58.

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Proceedings at CP meeting,  
"On the Present Situation in  
France", held 7/2/58, NYC.

Documentation: PAUL NOVICK

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CG 5824-S\*

Remarks of ROBERT THOMPSON  
on 9/21/58, at NEC meeting.

National Convention of CP  
in 1959.

Statement of ROBERT THOMPSON  
re: NC meeting after November elections

Wm. PATTERSON indicated 3000  
subscriptions from Russia have  
helped "The Worker".

Letter from JAMES E. JACKSON  
to all CP Districts urged promotion of  
PAUL ROBESON's book.

Letter from CP of Mexico to  
CP, USA, dated 7/5/58.

JAMES JACKSON considered as  
CP, USA representative to  
congress of Mexican CP.

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HY LUMER's letter to  
all districts, 9/4/58.

ROBERT THOMPSON's state-  
ment, 8/19/58, re security  
organization.

ROBERT THOMPSON's statement,  
9/2/58, re Youth Matters.

Letter from HY LUMER on Youth  
Matters sent out on 8/29/58.

Documentation: [redacted]  
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JACK  
STACHEL, [redacted] ALEXANDER  
TRACHTENBERG, PETTIS PERRY,  
JAMES ALLEN, ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

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NY 2179-S\* BEN DAVIS' comments re CP, USA  
and Communist International.

BEN DAVIS' comments on colonial  
question, 7/1/58.

CP meetings on 7/2/58 and 8/5/58.

NEC meeting on 7/8/58.

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[redacted] EUGENE DENNIS' letter to all dis-  
tricts dated 7/16/58.

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T-26 [redacted]	Eastern Seaboard Regional Youth conference, CP, USA, 9/27/58.			
T-27 [redacted]	CP railroad meeting, Chicago, Ill., 9/6/58.			
T-28 [redacted]	Eastern Seaboard Regional Youth conference, 9/27/58.			b6 b7C b7D
T-29 [redacted]	Statement of [redacted] on 7/7/58, re Youth Work.			
T-30 [redacted]	Documentation: AL LANNON.  Statement of AL LANNON on 7/26/58, re Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization.			
T-31 [redacted]	HY LUMER delegated by NEC of CP to work with youth groups.  HY LUMER leaving NY, 9/22/58, on two month tour to organize Marxist-Leninist youth groups.  U.S. Festival Committee met, NYC on 10/4/58.			

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T-32 CG 6031-S*	Statement forwarded by [redacted] to NY re Lebanon situation, 7/18/58.			
T-33 CG 5824-S*	NEC meeting, 9/19 to 21/58.			
T-34 NY 1697-S*	Documentation: ERIC BERT  Remarks of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER re drafting of CP program.  Statement by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER that he is writing : "Ravages of Revisionism on Party Policy".			
T-35 [redacted]	Financial information re Publishers New Press, Inc., as of 6/30/58.			
T-36 [redacted]	ROBERT THOMPSON indicates possible establishment of a youth page in "The Worker", and a monthly youth bulletin.  Documentation: EARL DURHAM			b6 b7C b7D
T-37 [redacted]	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS considers PAUL ROBESON's book extremely valuable to CP.			
T-38 [redacted]	Meeting of Educational Committee, PIA, 7/13/58.			

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Improvement Association.

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Documentation: JOSEPH NORTH

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Documentation: PAUL ROBESON

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On 10/11/58, NY 2379-S\* advised that ELIZABETH [REDACTED] FLYNN discussed religion in general. [REDACTED] stated that the reason why so many people leave the Catholic Church is because of the Church's intervention in politics. She mentioned that their own father had left the Catholic Church because of [REDACTED] and never went back to it.

The discussion then turned to people of Jewish ancestry, with ELIZABETH commenting that the Jewish people of the first generation were very revolutionary but now that they are old, retired and prosperous, they are making sure that the CP does not get their children. She said that they will come to meetings, but leave their children at home; that they are more interested in educating their children to be doctors, dentists and lawyers.

[REDACTED] then discussed the unidentified woman who was very upset about her daughter joining the CP and threatened the daughter that she would take her out of school if she would join the Party. ELIZABETH added that some of the people like JEROME's [REDACTED] and AL's [REDACTED] who come into the Party, are nothing but a "pain in the neck." Then, referring to the Jewish people again, ELIZABETH stated that the ones in her neighborhood are moving away when their kids start to grow up because they do not want to bring up their children in the slums. Both she and [REDACTED] agreed that they were more desirous of bringing up their children in bourgeois-type neighborhoods.

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ELIZABETH then related a story she heard about a kid who went to work in a shop and after a period

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- 1 - NY 100-80644 (CP Youth) 7-5
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- 1 - NY 100-117446 [REDACTED]
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of time was offered a job in management. He accepted the offer, at which time a friend of his told him he was making a mistake. After a period of time, this individual was told by his boss to fire a guy who was trying to get a union in the shop. The individual refused on the basis that his father was a union man and as a result of the refusal, was himself fired. She said that this individual's friend, who had originally told him he was making a mistake, then referred the individual to some books he should read and as a result, the individual became a socialist, then a Communist, and finally a revolutionist. Winding up this story to [REDACTED] ELIZABETH said that undoubtedly there is a changing point in everyone's life and that she might use something like this example to write a book citing reasons "What started you off" (to join left-wing movement).

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C320)

SUBJECT: CP, NYD - KINGSBRIDGE CLUB  
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DATE: 10/28/58

Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Details of meeting of Kingsbridge  
Club, Communist Party, held  
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Date received: 10/16/58  
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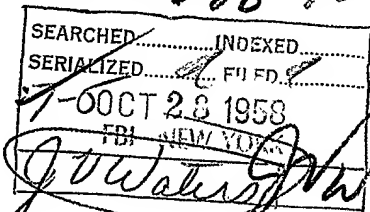
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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.  
Activities

Oct. 13, 1958  
New York.

A meeting of the Kingsbridge Club (Bronx) C.P. was held on October 8th, 1958 at [redacted] Bronx, N. Y. at apart [redacted]

Present at the meeting were: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Before the meeting started [redacted] announced that [redacted] was not recalled. He is coming to speak to this meeting as it was decided by a previous meeting of this club." (It turned out that the left wing speaker who was invited by [redacted] [redacted] was not [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] phoned her and asked her not to invite [redacted] because "Albertson instructed [redacted] to do so. Albertson told [redacted] was expelled from the party. Well, no matter what Albertson says [redacted] was invited and he is going to speak."

A heated discussion followed the announcement of [redacted]

During the discussion [redacted] came in. [redacted] told [redacted] that the meeting is at this moment discussing the question if he should be allowed to speak at this meeting.

[redacted] said that it isn't a question of [redacted] speaking at this meeting. It is too bad that [redacted] did not follow instructions of letting know [redacted] that he can not speak at this meeting because this is an official meeting of a party club. According to Bill Albertson, who is the secretary of the N. Y. State Communist Party, [redacted] was expelled from the party.

[redacted] proposed that [redacted] retire to another room so this meeting could go on.

Before retiring to another room [redacted] said that "as far as I know I am not expelled from the party. I was never

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notified that I was expelled. I attend all the meeting\_ of my club and my section committee."

[ ] said that "Bill Albertson is a liar. [ ] is still a member of the Communist Party. Albertson lied when he told [ ] was expelled."

After [ ] left the room the free-for-all discussion started again.

[ ] said that she "still thinks" that it was wrong to over-rule the decision of the club. I can not see why we should be afraid to listen to one who wants to present his point of view."

[ ] said that if [ ] will not be allowed to speak she will quit the party. "Albertson always was and still is a phony. I know that [ ] was not expelled from the party. The leadership from 26th Street (headq. of the C.P. in New York) is afraid to expell [ ] because if they expell [ ] they know that they will loose the whole section."

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[ ] said that he disagrees with Albertson and with [ ] on the question of [ ] but "I think that we just can not do a thing. The secretary of the state party, some members of the County Committee and of the Section Committee are of the opinion that the club can not have Armando as a speaker. It is too bad but this is the way the party operates."

This discussion continued until about 10:30 P.M. [ ] made the following proposal: It seems that this meeting will not to able to attend to regular buisness. Lets set a date and a place for the next meeting and have this meeting adjurned. If [ ] desires she can make coffee; have a social and invite [ ] to speak. Whoever likes to stay and listen to the speaker will stay. The meeting approved of this proposal. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the club at the apart. of [ ] Bronx, N. Y. on Oct. 20th, 1958.

The meeting was closed and [ ] invited everyone to remain as her "guests for a cup of coffee." She called in [ ]

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and [ ] asking [ ] to explain "the position of the left in the party."

[ ] stated that the hour is late but he will try to state his position:

[ ] declared that "the present leadership of the Communist party is a revisionist leadership." He said that "the CPUSA did not expel one revisionist from its ranks. Every revisionist that left the CP left on his or her own steam." He stated that "the CPUSA is not anti-imperialist. As an example lets take the party's stand on the question of Puerto Rico. The CPUSA never denounced American imperialism in Puerto Rico but it very strongly came out, and there are documents to prove it, against the nationalist movement in Puerto Rico."

At this point [ ] was interrupted by [ ] who said: "This is a slanderous statement. I am a charter member of the C.P. and I a worker. The Communist party is my party and I am not going to just sit here and listen to crack-pot statements of a person who is out to destroy the Marxist-Leninist party of the American working class."

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After [ ] was quieted down [ ] continued:

"The National Ex. Comm. of the CPUSA sent two party leaders, [ ] and William Patterson, to Puerto Rico to line up the Puerto Rican party on the anti-Soviet resolution of Nov. 2nd, 1956 and Nov. 19th, 1956 on the question of Hungary. The revisionist leadership was instrumental for the destruction of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico."

[ ] interopted: "As far as I remember the C.P. came out with a statement denouncing the terroristic acts of Puerto Rican nationalists, like the shooting in the House of the U. S. Congress. Do you believe in individual terror? Communists are always against terror."

[ ] "No. I do not believe in terror, but the French Comm. Party took a different stand on Algeria from the C.P.U.S.A."

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[ ] "In Algeria there is a war for liberation and of course the C.P. of France will be on the side of the nationalist who are fighting against french imperialism. Here the Puerto Rican nationalists just tried to kill some congressmen. We Communists believe that such actions will hurt the cause of the liberation of Puerto Rico from American imperialism."

[ ] charged that John Gates and other "revisionist leaders of the C.P. took away from the party hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said that [ ] refuses to turn over to the party a house which cost \$80,000 and Alexander Bittelman refused to give back to the party a house which is worth \$40,000. A high functionary of the Brooklyn C.P., I don't remember his name, refused to turn over to the party \$20,000. He still has the money and he is using it for himself and his family."

[ ] "Well, this is just gossip. You didn't give any facts. But if it is true it is only a question of some individuals who took away party funds. What has all of this to do with your ideological differences with the C.P.?"

[ ] "There isn't enough time to explain here all of our differences with the leadership of the CPUSA. The fact is that the revisionists remain in the party and many of them together with those who have left the party are now organizing an American Party for Democratic Socialism. These people, including Gates and [ ] and Healey are being tolerated by the present leadership but the so-called ultra left is being expelled. Doesn't this show that the leadership of the CPUSA is revisionist? I am sorry for anyone who can not see it."

[ ] claimed that "because of the revisionist tactics of the leadership the Communist party lost since the 16th National Convention over 15,000 members most of whom are real Communists, Marxist-Leninist. These comrades I am sure will eventually join us and we will organize a real Communist party here."

[ ] "I don't think the speaker made a good case out of his cause. What is your attitude towards the trade unions?"

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What is about the Negro question? How do you expect to achieve socialism?"

[ ] "You are just a bunch of disropters. Everyone of you should be kicked out of the party. Who is recognizing your so-called movement? The Communist party is recognized by all the Communist parties of the world. When we celebrated in Carnegie Hall the 39th anniversery of the Communist Party this Communist party received cōngratulations from all Communist parties of the world. Who is recognizing you? Nobody."

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The "social" came to an end at this point because of the late hour.



SAC, BOSTON

10/29/58

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 10/23/58, NY 634-S\*, a highly valuable source whose security must be protected, advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the aforesaid date JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, told him the following:

ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Organizational Secretary, was in Boston on the weekend of October 25 and 26, 1958, and conferred with CP functionaries there. According to THOMPSON, although membership losses in the city of Boston have been extensive, the CP situation there is now better than it was. There has not been any extensive membership loss in the smaller New England towns.

While in Boston THOMPSON appointed HOMER CHASE a full time paid functionary. CHASE's assignment in the future will be "to make the circuit of the small towns, getting action."

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  - (1 - 100- ) (CP, USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100- ) (HOMER CHASE)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(#12-10) DATE: 10/31/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP  
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Identity of Source	[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)	b6 b7C b7D
Description of Info	Informant's report of CP Section meeting at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10/14/58	
Date Received	10/24/58	
Received By	[REDACTED]	
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October 21, 1958

On Tuesday, October 14, 1958 at 8:00 P.M. there was an open meeting of Bronx Communists at the Allerton Community Center, 693 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. The chairman was [redacted] The speaker was Arnold Johnson.

At this affair it was learned that [redacted] took [redacted] aside and spoke to him ([redacted] asked [redacted] via a telephone call, to meet him at this affair as he had something important to talk to him about). [redacted] asked [redacted] how he would like to join the Communist Party. [redacted] indicated his desire to do so. [redacted] also said that he, [redacted] and [redacted] had been chosen from six candidates. [redacted] were then joined by [redacted] In speaking to [redacted] [redacted] said that he should feel honored to be chosen so soon as it had taken [redacted] 1½ years to be accepted into the party. [redacted] then asked [redacted] to join the group. [redacted] told [redacted] he had been accepted into the Communist Party along with [redacted] and would he like to join. He indicated his desire to do so. [redacted] then told [redacted] [redacted] wanted to see them to brief them (or words to that effect). [redacted] agreed that Thursday, October 16, 1958 would be a convenient time to hold this meeting at the home of [redacted] [redacted] said that there would be a few others there that may want to hear some opinions of [redacted] He then told [redacted] that he would call him via telephone on Thursday to let him know where to go for the meeting and the time to be there. He told [redacted] he would see him in person to let him know as he, [redacted] did not have a telephone.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(#12-10) DATE: 10/31/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP  
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

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Description of Info

Meeting of [REDACTED]  
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Date Received

10/24/58

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A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C325)(PROSPECT SECTION, BRONX COUNTY CP)(#12-10)
- ① - New York (100-80638)(CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-135170)
- 1 - New York (100-135246)
- 1 - New York (100-135535)
- 1 - New York (100-108992)
- 1 - New York (100-89179)
- 1 - New York (100-118525)(BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE)(#7-1)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C40)(#12-10)

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It was learned that on Thursday, October 16, 1958 [redacted] telephoned [redacted] and told him to go to [redacted] apartment to pick up [redacted] to go to [redacted] and then to go to the apartment of [redacted] Bronx, N.Y.

[redacted] did not find [redacted] at home. He proceeded to [redacted] apartment. [redacted] was at home. A short while later [redacted] arrived and a short while after him [redacted] arrived [redacted] had first gone to [redacted] apartment but he did not find [redacted] at home).

[redacted] stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have been prepared by [redacted] and to give a few opinions on some things (On Tuesday, October 14, 1958 [redacted] had informed [redacted] that they had been chosen to join the Communist Party). [redacted] said that she did not think such a meeting was necessary as she had heard them already (or words to that effect).

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[redacted] that the Communist Party meetings were held every second Monday- falling in between the Monday meetings of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee (B.C.L.C.). He said that at the October 20, 1958 meeting of the B.C.L.C. he would let [redacted] know where and when the next Communist Party meeting would take place.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-23224)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-16577)

SUBJECT:   
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DATE: 10/31/58

Identity of Source  who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

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Description of Info Northeast Bronx CP section meeting, 10/21/58.

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2 - Boston (100-23224)(RM)  
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1 - New York (100-26603-C40)(BRONX COUNTY CP)(#12-10)  
1 - New York (100-26603-C1945)(NORTHEAST SECTION, BRONX COUNTY CP)(#12-10)

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1 - New York (100-82157)   
1 - New York (100-80638)(CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)(#7-5)  
1 - New York (100-13447)   
1 - New York (100-79717)(CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)(#7-5)  
1 - New York (100-107444)   
1 - New York (100-74560)(CP, USA - FUNDS)(#7-5)  
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On 10-21-58 at 9:00 P. M. there was held a club meeting of the Northeast Bronx Communist Party Section at the home of [REDACTED]

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The following were present at the meeting: [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was elected the chairman for the evening.

[REDACTED] gave a report on the Bronx County Communist Party Committee, and the Northeast Bronx Section Committee of the Communist. She said that it had been decided that there would be a reforming of the sections of the Bronx, because during the war and since there have been six sections but some of them have only about 10 members. The plan is to reform the Bronx into 4 sections with a special section for the Negro and Puerto Rican People. They are also anxious to

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1 - New York (100-106964) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-136272) (YOUTH MARCH ON WASHINGTON, 10/25/58)(7-1)  
1 - New York (100-133481) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-136397) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-131345) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-103682) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-112308) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-83378) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100- [REDACTED]) ( [REDACTED] present at Northeast Bronx CP section meeting, 10/21/58, per [REDACTED])

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1 - New York (100-89011) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100-135511) [REDACTED]  
1 - New York (100- [REDACTED])  
1 - New York (100-2520) ([REDACTED])  
1 - New York (100-84702) ([REDACTED])  
1 - New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE)(#7-1)

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bring in Parkchester and Pelham Parkway which are not at all active now, but which had been very active before the war. She continued by stating that the North East Section was considered the best, and therefore the task of bringing in the Parkchester and Pelham Parkway areas as part of the Northeast section was given to this section. [ ] said that [ ] had a list of people who had been active in Parkchester, and that [ ] had a list of people in the Pelham Parkway area, and it was agreed that these people should be gotten in touch with to get these lists.

[ ] said that the fund drive was still \$2000 short, and that ways would have to be found to raise money. To this end the section committee had decided to have a lecture by [ ] and charge admission. It would probably be held on a Tuesday night in place of the usual section meeting. They had also discussed having a testimonial dinner for some one so that money could be raised, but they could not decide on who to have the testimonial dinner for. In later discussion on the subject of the testimonial dinner, [ ] proposed that the testimonial dinner be given for [ ] in as much as he was so well known in the area, and she was sure that it would be successful. [ ] said that he was willing to have the testimonial given for him, and it was decided to give his name to the section committee. When asked what they could base the testimonial on, [ ] said that it could mark his 45 years with the movement.

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[ ] then added that at the Section committee meeting, it was decided that in as much as it was close to the end of the year, they would have a convention of all the sections, and that new delegates would be appointed from each club. They wanted the clubs to suggest people as delegates to the section committee meetings, and these would be approved at the section committee convention. The following people were suggested [ ]

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[ ] were also proposed but they declined on the grounds that they didn't have time. [ ] mentioned that he had seen [ ] and that he had told him that he was still doing the same work, but in another field.

There followed a discussion on the elections. [ ] said that an independent committee had formed to back [ ] and that the Communist Party would give out leaflets for a meeting which this Independent Committee would hold. [ ] explained again the Communist Party line for the elections, but [ ] said that they did not agree and that they would vote for [ ]. [ ] said that he could see very little difference between the Republican party, and the Democrats, and [ ] said that she couldn't see taking the lesser of the two evils. [ ] collected \$50.00 at this meeting for the fund drive. [ ] were selling tickets for a lecture by [ ] under the auspices of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee for October 31, 1958.

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[ ] mentioned that \$200.00 had been collected for the Youth March on Washington, and that 20 seats had been reserved on the bus. He said that this had been done in conjunction with the St. Augustine Church.

[ ] said that [ ] had applied for membership in the Communist Party, and that he would bring it up at the next section committee meeting.

The next meeting of the club is going to be held at the home of [ ]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 11/3/58

CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S\*, on October 28, 1958, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on October 30, 1958.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100- ) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the  
Communist Party - USA)

③ - New York (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership) (#7-5) ✓  
(1 - 100-136078) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the  
Communist Party - USA) (#7-5)  
(1 - 100-20304) [REDACTED]

6 - Chicago

(1 - A/134-46)  
(1 - 100-18952) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Membership)  
(1 - 100-35300) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the  
Communist Party - USA)  
(1 - 100-24702) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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October 28, 1958

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, stated on October 28, 1958, that both [redacted] and [redacted] have applied for re-admission into the Communist Party - USA. LIGHTFOOT said that his recommendation would be that neither should be taken back into the Party.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360)

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FROM: SAC, WFO (100-421)

CP, USA

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On 11/2/58, WF 10168\* reported that ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK visited the residence of [redacted] in Silver Spring, Maryland, on the evening of that date, and discussed the Communist Party.

On 10/10/58, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified both [redacted] as current members of the CP.

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On 3/27/58, [redacted] furnished information identifying both ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK as current members of the Northwest Club, CP, Baltimore, Maryland.

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8 - Baltimore

(1 - 100-4090) (CP, MD-DC)

(1 - 100-12170) (CP MEMBERSHIP)

(1 - 100-12125) (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

(1 - 100-12464) (CP ORGANIZATION)

(1 - 100-12468) (CP FACTIONALISM)

(1 - 100-11963) (ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK)

(1 - [redacted])

① - New York

(1 - [redacted]) (CP, USA)

(1 - [redacted]) (CP FACTIONALISM)

(1 - [redacted]) (CP MEMBERSHIP)

(1 - [redacted]) (CP ORGANIZATION)

(1 - [redacted]) (COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE THE CP, USA)

8 - WFO

(1 - 100-22813) ([redacted])

(1 - 100-20942) (ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK)

(1 - 100-20644) ([redacted])

(1 - 65-1131) ([redacted])

(1 - 100-421A) (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

(1 - 100-421B) (CP MEMBERSHIP)

(1 - 100-421C) (CP ORGANIZATION)

(1 - 100-421Q) (CP FACTIONALISM)

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The informant advised that during their discussion on 11/2/59, [ ] stated that [ ] is ready to go back and recruit all the Negroes he formerly worked with, and feels that it is their decision whether they want in or out of the CP. [ ] maintained that when they step up to that person's door they have taken the decision out of his hands "because of the guy in the car behind you." He is going to be "forced in with you or forced in with them." She would also be worried about anybody that she went to call on that she had not seen for a number of years.

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ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK replied that in Baltimore the people who have no experience or background in leadership want to go back and re-recruit. He said that they are going back to the "phonies," and that "the phonies are flocking back."

According to [ ] people "came to the left" years ago when there was unemployment, and things were not good. Today we are approaching a similar situation with a lot of unemployment and trouble in the unions. KOTELCHUCK replied that those people turned to the "left," because it was "an organization of finding out," and left because the CP demanded too much and did not know how to work with them. He agreed with [ ] that they are still friends of the CP because the Party helped the unemployed and the unions, but at the same time made so many mistakes that they lost respect for its mobility, accomplishments and know-how.

KOTELCHUCK said that there are no trade union leaders left in the CP. It became impossible to be in a position of leadership and to continue to work for progressives because the position of the Party was "out of this world." According to KOTELCHUCK they were among the first to leave because the Party floundered on the trade union question, split unions, and broke union traditions.

KOTELCHUCK complained that today the trade union people do not remember the good things about the Party. He said that it is foolish to think of asking a trade unionist who is a thinking man with goodwill for the Party and even a socialistic minded man to join today because he will not listen. If they were asked to join they would ask what the Party program is, and what the Party has to fight with. He said that it is ridiculous to think that they will join today because the Party has nothing to offer them, and does not have a going organization anywhere.

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KOTELCHUCK said that the Party was discredited, but that it does not mean that their basic philosophy was wrong or that they can not rise again. He realizes that it is late, but feels that the Party, without changing its basic philosophy, has to make a fresh start in the American way of life so that people will believe them as they did in the 1930's.

The informant reported KOTELCHUCK said he knows that a lot of people have joined the CP because they have instructions from the FBI. He stated that during a recruiting drive some of the people contacted said the FBI had told them to join if asked.

[redacted] replied that that is the reason she does not trust people. She stated that she and CASRY do not pay dues, and make no attempt at meetings. She said she knows that in this area there are more communists out of the CP than in the CP, and can only think of three people who actually said they were resigning. She said that there was a solid organization here which did a lot of work and carried out a program, but that right in her own area today she can only place five people in the Party. Of these five she does not believe a single one of them could be called a dues payer.

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[redacted] complained that the leadership gives them a report on what has happened in New York, but does not give them a real program to work with. The informant advised that at another point during the discussion she stated there are more Marxists, more active people, out of the Party than in it, and that the program is how to get them mobilized.

The informant reported ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK estimated that in Baltimore more than 50 people, about 55%, said, "I resign." Of the remaining he would say that another 50% or 60% did not formally resign, but did in fact resign.

The informant advised that KOTELCHUCK heard at a convention (not identified) that the ultra-left within the existing organization had taken WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS and ROBERT THOMPSON to task, and was calling them revisionists. At that time the ultra-left group was referred to as the "lunatic fringe," but it turned out to be a well-entrenched group who found that the existing party "which

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throw out guys like me" was too much to the right. According to KOTELCHUCK, the ultra-left went all over the country, and called a "Conference to Save The Party." He said that they came to Baltimore, and that he has their literature.

KOTELCHUCK told the informant that the program of the ultra-left is really a program of the Party today, and actually is the existing party even though they are not in a position of leadership. According to KOTELCHUCK people like DENNIS will probably go along with the ultra-left or will find themselves pushed out too.

According to KOTELCHUCK, some of the "right" fought within the Party, but lost out. At that time THOMPSON, speaking for the National Executive Committee, wrote that the time had come to clean out the group that did not resign. He, KOTELCHUCK, stated that about nine months ago at the last meeting he attended, he accused a member of the District Committee of driving "people like me out." When he asked if they were trying to push him out he was told that he would have to answer to his conscience as to why he was making the decision. KOTELCHUCK said that he did not intend to resign, did not resign, and had no place to go. He still believes in socialism even though he realizes that the fight for the cause he believes is lost. According to him there are others like himself who did not resign, and did not plan to resign, but were dropped.

KOTELCHUCK stated that he will not take a "back seat" to anyone in his respect for the Soviet Union. He takes and reads Party literature, and still believes in Socialism and the Party. He believes the "progressive movement, the Marxist movement" has a tremendous future, and that it is right around the corner. KOTELCHUCK has no idea how or where it will occur, but has no doubt that it will solve the "condition of the right."

The informant advised that KOTELCHUCK said that people like himself who left the Party, and could not accept key position in the Party, could not see their way clear to form a new organization. No formal attempt was made, and they are keeping together on an individual basis. He said that the odds are against a group like his because forming a new organization would bring the hatred and opposition of very high and good people. From the opposition viewpoint it would be called the "anti-Party."

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According to the informant KOTELCHUCK says that it would not do any good to try something else, but that there are very healthy trends in the right direction. He does not know just what the movement will be, but says that there will be one soon.

KOTELCHUCK mentioned the "last convention" with 20,000 members, and stated that the latest official figures show 5,000 Party members. He personally does not think that there are 2,000 left in the CP. He stated that the other 18,000 are Party members as of last year, or the year before, who are not of one mind, and who have lost faith in their "different treatments of MARX." People that he knows, good solid Party people, would organize an organization that would be stronger numerically and have a good program.

[redacted] stated that people like KOTELCHUCK "who did resign," and people like CASEY and herself who were neither put out nor resigned but who stand firm in sentiment and belief have to work within the existing structure or get out. She suggested that the people who have never officially been out of the Party fight within the organization. KOTELCHUCK replied that it would be impossible for people like themselves to advance any reforms within the Party, but that he would like to see it done because he has no wish to form a new Party. He has no doubt that the existing Party believes in Socialism. He expressed a desire to put the existing Party on the "right track" but has no means of doing it because he is not a part of any functioning club.

KOTELCHUCK said that he can not call an official club together to have a vote and a program, and can not go to people he knows to be Party leaders locally or nationally with that program. He blames the present situation in the CP on democratic centralism, saying that if you disagree, the national leaders can say you are out because they have that right. He also said that under democratic centralism you can not win anything within the organization that the leaders do not want.

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